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The Objects of the Society for Organising Charitable Relief and Repressing Mendicity, or Charity Organisation Society, may be stated in the following terms :—

I.—To bring into harmonious co-operation with each other and with the Poor-law authorities the various charitable agencies and individuals in the district, and thus effectually to check the evils of 'overlapping' relief caused by simultaneous but independent action.

II.—To investigate thoroughly the cases of all applicants for charitable relief, whether they are referred to the offices for inquiry and report, or whether they apply of their own accord.

III.—To place gratuitously at the disposal of all charitable agencies and private persons the investigating machinery of the Committees of the Society, and to send to persons, having a legitimate interest in cases, full reports of the result of the investigations made.

IV.—To obtain from the proper charities, or from charitable individuals, suitable and adequate relief for deserving cases.

V.—To assist from its own funds, and as far as possible in the form of loans, all suitable cases for which adequate assistance cannot be obtained from other sources.

VI.—To repress mendicity by the above means, by the gratuitous distribution of Investigation Tickets, and by the prosecution of impostors.

VII.—To afford to the public at large information regarding the objects and mode of working of existing charities.

VIII.—To promote, as far as possible, the general welfare of the poor by means of social and sanitary reforms, and by the inculcation of habits of providence and self-dependence.

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The Charity Organisation Society consists of a federation **THE SOCIETY.** of 38 District Committees, one or more in each of the Poor Law divisions of the Metropolis,* and of a Central Council at which every Committee is represented.

Any person being a member of a District Committee, or being an annual subscriber of not less than £1. 1s., or a donor of not less than £10. 10s. to the funds of the Council, or of any District Committee, is a member of the Society. (*See Rule III., p. 47.*) **Membership of the Society.**

There is an Annual Meeting of the Society. The Council have power to convene a Special Meeting of members of the Society. Any thirty members also may require the Council to convene a special meeting. (*See Rules XVII. XVIII. and XIX., p. 49.*) **Meetings of Members.**

The District Committees consist, as far as possible, of Ministers of Religion, Guardians of the Poor, and representatives of all the principal local charities. Each Committee has a Chairman or President, one or more Hon. Secretaries, and one or more representatives at the Council. **DISTRICT COMMITTEES.**

It is the function of the District Committees to receive, investigate, and deal (in accordance with the general prin- **Duties of District Committees.**

* The offices of the District Committees are open daily at hours notified in the Charity Organisation Society Manual, copies of which can be obtained on application to the Secretary to the Council, 15 Buckingham Street, Strand, W.C. Twenty-five Committees now take charge of districts co-extensive with Poor-law Divisions, while thirteen take charge of portions of Poor-law Divisions: the latter are marked with asterisks in the list of Committees on pp. 2 and 3. The parish of Stoke Newington, forming part of the Union of Hackney, is (with the exception of a comparatively small and rural portion of the Wandsworth and Clapham Union) the only portion of the Poor-law metropolitan area not in charge of a Committee.

ciples of the Society) with all cases of alleged want or distress referred to them. Each Committee is intended to form a common meeting place—a centre of information and charitable work—for persons in the district desirous of benefiting the poor.

THE COUNCIL.

The Council consists of—

- (1) A Chairman, Vice-Chairmen, and Treasurers.
- (2) Annually elected representatives from each District Committee, together with the Chairman and Hon. Secretaries of the Committee (not exceeding two).
- (3) Additional members, in number not exceeding one-fourth of the representatives of the District Committees.
- (4) Representatives of Metropolitan Charitable Institutions.

Vice-Presidents of the Society are honorary members of Council.

The duties of the Council.

The Council supervises and endeavours to strengthen and consolidate the work of District Committees. It takes into consideration all questions of principle and matters relating to the work of the Society generally. It endeavours to bring into systematic co-operation the larger Metropolitan Institutions and Societies, to improve the administration of Charity and to suppress imposture.

THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE.

The Administrative Committee* is the executive Committee of the Council. It is elected annually by the Council, and consists of not more than twenty members, of whom fifteen are elective, and five coöptative. The Treasurers of the Council are *ex officio* members of the Committee.

The Sub-Committees of the Administrative Committee.

There are four permanent Sub-Committees of the Administrative Committee: the Sub-Committee on District Work; the Inquiry Sub-Committee; the Co-operation Sub-Committee; the Finance and Collection Sub-Committee. Each of these undertakes a special department of the work of the Council. Members of District Committees not being members of Council may be members of the Sub-Committees.

* This Committee is also the Finance Committee required by Rule XXIV. (See p 50.)

REPORT.

THE Council are able in their Tenth Annual Report to draw attention to considerable progress in the Society's work.

In their last Annual Report they referred more especially to the unusual depression in trade which was at that time apparent, and to the necessity of organisation in connection with private charity. Since their last report the depression in trade has continued, and the evils arising from this cause have recently been aggravated by a very inclement winter. A great strain has thus been put upon the charitable resources of many parts of England, and in many instances temporary arrangements have had to be very hastily devised. Hence the opinion appears to be gaining ground, that in most towns some recognised system of charitable work, based on definite and easily understood principles is required, and many advantages, it is felt, would follow from this. The daily duties of charity would be more effectually performed in ordinary times; the subdivision of labour, and the interchange of experiences would train many to face the difficulties, and accept, with understanding, the responsibilities of work among the poor; there would always be at hand a body of men and women, on whose devotion and knowledge reliance might be placed; and, as the extent and severity of exceptional distress would be quickly ascertained, occasions for issuing sudden or sensational appeals would be removed, while misfortune would be promptly assisted.

The necessity and advantages of a more systematic administration of charity.

The Council are of opinion that the recent increase of

Charity Organisation Societies, in England and abroad, is due to this belief in the necessity of some more systematic administration of charity, and to the fact that the methods advocated by the Society are found suitable for times of emergency. It has been felt also, that the application of the general principles of co-operation, adequate inquiry, and adequate assistance will, by enforcing to the fullest extent the responsibilities of the charitable, give a more healthy tone to all charitable work, and by creating foresight and self-dependence will make the effects of calamity less severe; and the people, it is hoped, will be brought to see the unmanliness of that spirit of pauperism which on every emergency expects to receive from charity, or from the Poor Law, the ordinary necessities of life, and the falseness of that charity which feeds pauperism, and by so doing increases the struggle for existence and prevents wages from rising to their true level.

Exceptional
Distress,
1878-9.

In the Appendix I., p. 21, will be found (1) a letter, issued by the Council, regarding the co-operation of Charity and the Poor Law in relieving exceptional distress in the provinces, (2) a letter of suggestions addressed to the District Committees of the Society, with a view to their meeting unusual pressure on their local machinery, and (3) short notes of the action taken in some districts of London with this object. The Council have endeavoured throughout the winter to keep themselves informed by all the means at their disposal of the exact nature and extent of the distress in London, and they have spared no effort to cope with it thoroughly and systematically. They are glad to have the opportunity of acknowledging the great assistance they have received from the public for this purpose. They note with satisfaction, that, notwithstanding the unusual severity of the season, there has been no panic among the benevolent, and that it has not been necessary to resort to such exceptional measures as have been thought indispensable under similar circumstances in past years. This seems to be the natural consequence of the increased knowledge of the facts dealt with by this Society, and of the increased strength of the organisation now at work in ordinary times.

The cases* dealt with by the District Committees may be classified as follows:—

	1876.	1877.	1878.	THE SUB-COMMITTEE ON DISTRICT WORK. Returns of Cases.
Assisted by Grants, by Loans, by Employment, by <i>Letters for Hospitals</i> . . .	5,184	5,346	4,781	
Recommended to <i>Guardians, to Institutions, or to private persons</i> . . .	6,794	5,831	4,225	
Dismissed as not requiring relief, cases for the Poor Law, or otherwise ineligible . . .	7,195	7,328	6,105	

These figures show a decrease: but since the beginning of the present year, there has been a large increase.† Similar fluctuations have happened previously in the history of the Society, and it is not easy to assign any single cause for them.

The aim of the Council is that the district offices should be ‘harbours of refuge to which any person may resort, whose need or distress is of a kind that charity may legitimately relieve’—‘to have its offices and Committees in such a state of efficiency, that all cases of distress may be referred to them with the full assurance, that, if found to be proper objects for charity, they will be adequately dealt with.’ The difficulty of so comprehensive a work must necessarily be very great. More numerous and efficient workers are wanted—especially those who live among the poor, and understand their ways. Tabulated, the returns of the Committees appear dull and official, but each case represents human interests, a crisis possibly in the history of a family, a strenuous attempt to save from misfortune, or an application for relief, regarding which charity had, in honesty, to confess that no relief could be of service. It is in this work of discrimination and still more in the endeavour to aid those in distress by personal devotion and

* For the table of cases decided by the District Committees in the year 1878, see Appendix II., p. 31.

† The returns for January and February in the years 1877, 1878, and 1879, are as follows:—

	1877.	1878.	1879.
Assisted by Grants, &c.	827	812	1,727
Recommended to Guardians, &c.	1,199	745	1,221
Dismissed as not requiring relief, &c.	1,362	1,135	1,774

persevering thoughtfulness, that, as in former Reports, so again here, the Council must be importunate in asking all who sympathise in the work of the Society to take part.

The Sub-Committee on District work have endeavoured to bring to a uniform standard the work and expenditure of District Committees; by the periodical returns of School Board and other cases, they have been able in some measure to gauge their efficiency: they have frequently pointed out defects and urged upon the Committees to act up to their responsibilities; all cases of alleged neglect they have carefully inquired into. They are glad, that, by these means and owing to the energy of some of the older members of the Society, and to the introduction of new members, several Committees have during the past year been greatly strengthened and improved.

Relief
pending in-
vestigation.

It may be well to state here two points connected with District Committee work, regarding which there appears to be some misunderstanding. The District Committees through their honorary officers may grant immediate relief pending inquiry, in every case in which in their opinion there is a necessity for such relief and a reference to the Poor Law is undesirable. Thus, though it may not be completed for some days, there is no hardship in an inquiry being made before a case is finally dealt with. It should be added, that such cases are far less numerous than those who are unfamiliar with the ways and resources of the poor are apt to imagine. It has been further objected that the heading cases 'for the Poor Law or otherwise ineligible' implies that there is a large class of applicants considered unsuitable for charity and yet not suitable for Poor Law relief. This is not so. All the cases in this category are either cases suitable for Poor Law assistance, or cases of 'persons who require a kind or amount of relief which the Committee, after using their best endeavours, are unable to obtain.' By the arrangements now in force (alluded to in the last Annual Report, p. 12) District Committees can refer to the Council all applications for which they are unable to obtain the help required; and during the past

'Ineligible'
cases.

year in almost every instance in which such reference has been made the help considered necessary has been obtained by notices in the *Charity Organisation Reporter* or by other means.

At the completion of the term of his agreement with the Society, in accordance with which he contributed for three years £1,000 a year to increase the ability of the Committees in the poorer districts to deal with cases* referred to them by the School Board authorities, Mr. Francis Peek most generously undertook to continue the payment of £250 quarter by quarter for the same purpose. An important correspondence and a conference with the Superintendents of the Visitors of the School Board with regard to the treatment of these cases in strict accordance with the Society's principles took place in the course of the past year, and the Council trust that some apparent difficulties† have by these means been removed. They desire again to place on record their great sense of Mr. Peek's liberality.

School Board Cases.

A Sub-Committee was in February 1878 appointed to ascertain whether any and what District Committees had experienced any difficulty in recovering their loans and to frame, if it appeared advisable, a scheme for establishing one or more registered loan societies in connection with the Charity Organisation Society. The Sub-Committee reported in favour of the continuance of the present system.‡ They submitted the following summary of returns of thirty-five Committees:

Loans.

	£	s.	d.
Total amount lent during two years, Sept. 30, 1877 .	3,694	3	11
Of this there has been repaid	2,936	12	5
Outstanding, and deemed recoverable, but including some doubtful debts	613	0	7
Written off as bad debts	144	10	11

* For a tabular statement of School Board Cases for the quarter ended September 30, 1878, and for the Agreement with Mr. Francis Peek, see Appendix III., pp. 32 and 33.

† See *Charity Organisation Reporter*, Vol. VII., pp. 131-140. In Appendix III., p. 34, will be found the reply of the Council to a letter forwarded by Mr. Francis Peek on behalf of the Superintendents of the Visitors.

‡ See District Committee Paper, No. 2, on Loans. See also *Charity Organisation Reporter*, Vol. VII., p. 86. The general rules, in accordance with which loans are given, will be found in Appendix IV., p. 42.

The Council have by means of the Co-operation Sub-Committee made special endeavours to connect the work of the Society, in accordance with the Society's original plan, with the work of other charitable associations. They are aware that such associations will not in most instances desire formal agreements to co-operate, but will rather, from a common interest in individual cases of distress, combine with the District Committees to give the assistance at their disposal, and of this co-operation there is much which cannot be reckoned up or tabulated. Thus one Committee writes: 'Forty-seven persons have been sent this year to Convalescent Homes, four deaf and dumb boys have been put in the way of training, in seventeen instances surgical appliances have been supplied, and, whilst this Report is being written, six crippled or incurable children are being cared for in various homes.' But there are large Metropolitan Societies with which arrangements for systematic co-operation might properly be made. It is hoped that a proposal, that in some districts the clergy in receipt of grants from the Metropolitan Visiting and Relief Association and the District Committees should interchange lists of assisted cases may be adopted and may prevent much overlapping and lead to further mutual assistance in the future. The most cordial co-operation of the Jewish Board of Guardians has been obtained and Mr. F. D. Mocatta has been appointed their representative at the Council. To several other societies overtures of co-operation have been made. This work of organisation—of making the charity of the metropolis an organic whole, instead of a collection of competing and disassociated units—must necessarily be gradual. But, if the miserable condition of a large part of the people is realised, the abundance of money spent in charity, the waste of this money in useless, aimless doles, and at the same time the difficulty of obtaining the admission of suitable cases to orphanages or of getting proper assistance for the afflicted poor, it must be allowed that some league, if one may so call it, of the charitable is necessary to do what has hitherto, notwithstanding in-

numerable and ever increasing institutions, been so vainly attempted.

A Charities' Register has during the past year been commenced. The late Mr. Samuel Gurney, M.P.,* thus described the object of a similar register, which was begun, under his instructions, some years ago—'to enable the benevolent,' by means of authentic data condensed and arranged, 'to investigate for themselves, either briefly or fully, the workings of the various charities of the metropolis,' or to ascertain without trouble the institutions suited to the special circumstances of cases in which they are interested. Every care will be taken to collect complete and accurate data for this purpose, and the Register will, it is hoped, be of service to many who require with as little delay as possible more detailed and special information than can usually be procured.

Charities'
Register.

Returns from 31 District Committees with regard to co-operation with the Guardians, in cases requiring temporary relief, were submitted to the Council in November last and indicated considerable progress and uniformity of practice. Notwithstanding the great change in public opinion on the subject, the administration of outdoor relief is so extremely lax in some unions, that it is well nigh impossible to arrange any general division of cases between Poor Law and charity. Yet experience is, it appears, gradually proving that a just division can be made.

Co-operation
with
Boards of
Guardians.
Temporary
Relief.

Further returns are now being received with regard to the treatment of deserving chronic cases, unsuitable for the Poor Law.

Deserving
Chronic
Cases.

In 1876 a Special Committee reported to the Council regarding the training of the blind.† In reconsidering the recommendations of that Committee, and after consultation with persons holding the most various views on the subject, the Co-operation Sub-Committee ascertained that the great obstacle in the progress of the education of blind children was the divergency of opinions with regard to the most

The Educa-
tion of
Blind
Children.

* A Paper on the Charitable Societies of London, read by Samuel Gurney, Esq., M.P., at the London Meeting of the Congrès de Bienfaisance, June 1862.

† See List of Publications, p. 83.

suitable type for reading and writing. The School Board for London had recognised their responsibilities in the teaching of the blind, and it appeared that, with their large resources and their ability of securing the best technical information, they were in a position to settle finally so difficult a question. Accordingly a deputation of the Council waited upon the Board in February of this year, and received an assurance that when the recently introduced system of teaching the blind in central schools in each locality in the Metropolis had been more fully tried, the matter would be reconsidered.

Education
and care of
Idiots.

In the last annual report mention was made of the satisfactory assurances given by the President of the Local Government Board to the deputation which waited upon him with the report of the Special Committee convened by this Society on the education and care of idiots, imbeciles, and harmless lunatics, as well as of the manner in which these expectations had been fulfilled by the 24th clause of the County Government Bill, in which the necessity for treating idiots and imbeciles separately from ordinary lunatics was recognised, and the projected county boards were empowered to provide schools for the instruction and training of the young, and custodial asylums for those of more advanced age, for which purpose suitable districts might be formed by the combination of any Poor Law Unions wholly or partly within the county. The hopes thus held out were deferred by the temporary withdrawal of the County Government Bill, but this has since been again announced as part of the programme for this session. Meanwhile a separate Bill has been introduced by Mr. Rodwell, Sir Baldwyn Leighton, and Mr. Bristowe, for the establishment of county infirmaries for the 'insane, imbecile, and infirm poor.' In this Bill provision has been made for the reception of idiot non-pauper children in the manner recommended in the report of the Special Committee and in the last annual report—viz. that 'families which, although able to pay their way under ordinary circumstances, would be reduced to destitution if required to pay the entire cost, should be charged at such

rates as their means will allow, for an afflicted member admitted into a training school or asylum'; but, on the other hand, no provision is made for the education and industrial training of idiot children, which is an indispensable condition in the interest both of the children themselves and of the ratepayers who have to support them. This Bill may be regarded with satisfaction, as furnishing additional evidence of the necessity for taking early action in the direction indicated in the report of the Special Committee, in which the subject was treated in an exhaustive manner; but as this is an important question of public administration affecting the whole country, it is rather to be hoped that it will be taken in hand by the Government, either as part of a renewed County Government Bill, or through the medium of a separate enactment.

Charity Organisation Societies have recently been established in Barrow-in-Furness, Cardiff, Leeds, Northwich, Stoke-upon-Trent, Gloucester, and elsewhere; and in Darlington, Derby, Halifax, Hanley, Hertford, Penzance, Widnes, and other places, efforts are being made to establish such societies. There is a well-organised and energetic society at Buffalo, United States. At Philadelphia a society has been founded. In New York and Boston special attention has recently been paid to the organisation of charity; and the system advocated by the Council has been adopted in many of the smaller towns in America.*

Extension of
Charity
Organisation
in the
country and
abroad.

On the report of the Committee appointed, in consequence of the increase of vagrancy in the Metropolis, to reconsider the regulations of the Society on this point, the Council issued instructions to the District Committees, that, while any exceptional homeless cases, which did not appear to be suitable for reference to the relieving officer, should be taken down and dealt with in the usual manner with a view to further treatment, all ordinary vagrants and mendicants should be referred to that officer, bread being given at the offices in cases of emergency only.

Vagrancy.

The Council have noticed the extension during the past

County
Mendicity
Societies.

* See *Charity Organisation Reporter*, Vol. VII., p. 138.

year of the Dorsetshire Mendicity System to Buckinghamshire, Northamptonshire, and Leicestershire.

INQUIRY
SUB-COM-
MITTEE.

Regulations.

The regulations of the Council for the conduct of inquiries at the Central Office have been entirely revised. A part of them, which may be useful to members of the Society and others, has been reprinted in Appendix No. V., p. 43.*

Cases
dealt with.

The following are the number of cases investigated at the offices of the Council, or transmitted to District Committees to be dealt with direct:—

	1876.	1877.	1878.
Institutions regarding which inquiry has been made }	39	50	53
Individual cases regarding which inquiry has been made }	246	254	194

Fraudulent
societies and
impostors.

The Council has continued to expose, as occasion demanded, both fraudulent societies and impostors by prosecutions and by other means, and they are glad to find that the information at their disposal has been of assistance to others in taking action in such cases on their own behalf. Cautionary notices will be found from time to time in the Charity Organisation Reporter.

MEDICAL
SUB-COM-
MITTEE.

The question of the administration of medical charitable relief in its relation to the improvement of the condition of the poor has since 1871 occupied the attention of the Council; and the opinion they have more than once expressed, that in the application of the mutual assurance principle to medical relief lies the solution of many of the acknowledged difficulties connected with the management of the out-patient department of hospitals, has been steadily gaining ground. The Medical Sub-Committee have, therefore, been engaged in extending the Provident Dispensary System, hoping thus to introduce a division of labour between hospitals and local dispensaries. They have printed and circulated a large number of papers† on the subject, and have received very many applications for information from different parts of England.

* A tabular statement of the Inquiry work of the Council will be found in Appendix VI., p. 46.

† For a List of these Papers, see p. 84. See also the Ninth Annual Report of the Council, p. 18.

At a special meeting held in July to consider the means of extending Provident Dispensaries throughout London and its environs, a resolution was passed, that a conference of representative members of Benefit and other Provident Societies and members of the District Committees of the Charity Organisation Society, should be convened for the further discussion of the question. A circular letter was accordingly addressed to all the lodges of the Benefit Societies in London, suggesting the establishment of a Provident Dispensary Union for the Metropolis, in connection with existing Benefit and Friendly Societies. It was pointed out that by slightly increased payments the benefits of the sick club might be secured to the wife and family, as well as to the husband; that the institution might be managed entirely by the benefit members; and that, besides immunity from doctors' bills, nursing at home and other advantages would be procurable. A large number of replies approving generally of this proposal have been received, and the conference will be held on the 3rd of May.

Provident
Dispensary
Union.

Many of those who attend the out-patient departments of hospitals require, it has been said, little else than good air, food, and change, and in a large number of cases the District Committees of the Society find that assistance of this nature is necessary in connection frequently with other relief. The delay and difficulty experienced in getting convalescent letters have, however, made it evident that more complete information respecting the number of Convalescent Homes, the available accommodation in them, and other particulars, is indispensable. With this object a special Committee has been appointed to report on the rules of, and accommodation in, existing Convalescent Homes, and the means provided for boarding out convalescent cases, and to make recommendations with a view to increasing the facilities for dealing with these cases.

Convalescent
Homes.

The *Charity Organisation Reporter* has recently been somewhat enlarged. The great issues involved in the progress of charity organisation, and of the beneficent charity with which it is allied, has rendered it advisable

The Charity
Organisation
Reporter.

to make the *Reporter* a more general paper than hitherto, and to publish in it the experiences and endeavours of those who are engaged in social and charitable work kindred to that which the Society more directly undertakes. To develop it, however, in this direction must, considering the many pressing claims upon the energy and funds of the Society, be necessarily a work of time.

Changes in
Council.

The Right Rev. the Bishop of Rochester has been elected a Vice-President of the Society. Lord Elcho, M.P., and Miss Octavia Hill, whose continued withdrawal from the work of the Society on account of ill health the Council deeply regret, have been elected additional members.

Auditors.

The Council have again to thank Mr. C. H. Archibald and Mr. A. R. Barrett, of her Majesty's Exchequer and Audit Office, for auditing their accounts for the past year.

Conclusion.

In conclusion the Council would once more express their belief that it is not by money only, or even in the main, but by a constant growth of knowledge and foresight among the people, by the care and devotion of many exerting each a personal influence in his own sphere of work, by those whose lives apparently lie apart from the poor uniting in common cause with those who are nearer them and know them better, that the reforms which the Society advocates, and which are indicated by the list of objects prefixed to this Report, can be accomplished.

APPENDIX I.

(1) *Co-operation of Charity with the Poor Law in relieving the exceptional distress in the Provinces.*

THE FOLLOWING LETTER* WAS ISSUED BY THE COUNCIL IN
DECEMBER 1878.

SIR,—The distress prevailing at this time in several parts of England, which may become so severe as to suggest the application of extreme remedies imperatively raises the question how charity may promptly and effectually fulfil its duties.

An emergency clearly foreseen ought to be provided against by a previously arranged system combining all charitable efforts and giving a right direction to all available charitable assistance. It would be difficult to take effective action when the emergency was actually upon us, and great waste and demoralisation would certainly arise from despairing generosity in the distribution of relief.

So much consideration has during the last few years been given to the subject of charitable administration, that a few leading principles are now generally recognised; and it is thus possible to create, even at short notice, an organisation which, adequately supported, may be the means of stemming the distress. Evils of long standing also may be coped with before they assume an aggravated form, and a good system of charitable relief may survive the period of exceptional difficulty.

Applications for information on this subject have recently reached the Council of the Charity Organisation Society from various quarters, and they hope that the suggestions which they have to offer may be of some service.

1. A clear division of labour between poor law and charity, and cordial co-operation between the guardians and the charitable, are a *sine quâ non* in any effective organisation of relief. The lines of this co-operation are clearly marked out by the all-important rule, that is the duty of the guardians to relieve destitution. This duty there is no reason to believe they are unable to fulfil. On the contrary, the proceedings of the central poor law conference, held last week in the metropolis, confirm the

* Reprinted from the *Charity Organisation Reporter*, Vol. VII, p. 228.

official assurances of the President of the Local Government Board that the guardians may be relied upon to do their part.

2. But effectual co-operation with the guardians is impossible unless the charitable associate themselves for the purpose. The association most suitable for the object appears to be a confederation of local committees, each dealing with a moderately sized district, and composed of clergy, ministers of all denominations, guardians, members of committees of local charities, and others. To each committee should be attached paid inquiry or visiting officers—men of high character, who have knowledge of the poor, and who will act towards them with kindness and tact. There will thus be, for charitable purposes, in each district one responsible administrative body which has the confidence of the inhabitants, and a basis of co-operation will be established.

3. By this localised machinery charity will be able to deal with applications for relief *in detail*, and in so doing two points must be kept in view :

- (1) To investigate each case thoroughly, in order to ascertain the causes of distress and the most suitable means of relieving it.
- (2) To spare no effort to obtain prompt and effectual relief.

Inquiry, if it be careful and systematic, will bring imposture and unworthiness to light, and deter unworthy applicants.

4. Although every destitute person is entitled to relief under the poor law, it is in accordance with the best instincts of charity to undertake, as far as possible, deserving cases, and to prevent their applying to the poor law. Charity is in a better position than the poor law for drawing distinctions between the worthiness and unworthiness of the applicants. Therefore, having regard to the special nature of the present emergency, the qualification for charitable relief may be considered to be temporary and unavoidable distress (whether amounting to destitution or not) with evidence of thrift and good character.

5. If, to meet extreme distress, it should be necessary to open depôts of cooked food, it should be distributed by orders given by the local committees, after full investigation, ~~in~~ in favour of particular individuals, and carefully revised lists should be in the hands of the persons in charge of the depôts. The usual system of tickets is open to serious objection. Its usefulness is supposed to consist in the tickets being exchangeable only for

the specified form of relief. The tickets are, however, often distributed, without concert, by those who subscribe to the dépôt or kitchen; one applicant may receive many tickets, others none and the tickets themselves may acquire a monetary value, and be sold or bartered for drink.

The dépôts may also be made available for the sale of nutritious food, at cost price, to families which, with this assistance, may be enabled to tide over the period of distress. A food dépôt managed on this principle might survive as an useful local institution on the model of those at Glasgow and elsewhere.

All temporary relief should be connected with other assistance productive of permanent benefit, and the local committees should pay great attention to this larger aspect of their work. They should hold daily, or almost daily, meetings. They should ascertain what means there are of assisting by migration or emigration; whether the persons assisted have relatives in other parts of England or elsewhere who are able to assist them; and whether there is any ability on the part of the applicant, or any members of his family, to learn some other, and, for the time at least, more remunerative industry. They should consider each case carefully on its merits, and seize upon any point in it which may, in their opinion, lead to its being, as soon as possible, rescued from dependence on public charity. They should, above all things, be careful to give relief so as to develop, and not retard, the growth of thrift, self-dependence, and foresight.

6. The advantages of this method of administration may thus be summed up:

(1) The local committees will lighten the heavy burden of the guardians, who are responsible for the relief of destitution, by assisting persons eligible for charity apart from the rates, and preventing them from applying for poor law assistance.

(2) If care be taken to secure the sympathy of the people, and the co-operation and honorary services of such persons as have the confidence of the public, the charitable resources of the district may be rendered available to an extent sufficient for adequate relief.

(3) The inquiry officers, whose work should be largely supplemented by local voluntary assistance, will, by the information they obtain, give the Committees the means of acting with confidence; and the relief will be administered with personal care, and in accordance with the special wants of each case.

(4) The guardians will 'offer the house' in cases of distress caused by idleness, prodigality, or intemperance, and the co-operation of the charitable will prevent any more agreeable form of relief being obtained. In adopting this course the guardians will feel that they are not acting harshly, but are enabling the charitable to give to deserving persons, who can be relied on to help themselves, that sufficient aid which alone can be of real service.

Further and more detailed information will be furnished on application at this office, and numerous papers which this Society has published on the subject of charitable relief may be obtained there.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,
C. S. LOCH, *Secretary*.

Society for Organising Charitable Relief
and Repressing Mendicity,
15 Buckingham Street, London, W.C.
December 19, 1878.

(2) *Suggestions to District Committees regarding increased pressure on their local machinery and the anticipated exceptional distress.*

The following circular letter was issued to the District Committees in January 1879:—

OFFICES OF THE COUNCIL:
15 BUCKINGHAM STREET,
LONDON, W.C.
January 21, 1879.

To the Honorary Secretary,
Committee.

DEAR SIR,—The following resolutions were adopted by the Council on the 6th instant:

That the Council of the Charity Organisation Society, having received information from the various districts of the metropolis relative to the prevalence of exceptional distress, is of opinion that at the present moment the distress of the metropolis is within the power of the usual organisations to meet, provided the public continues to support the existing means of dealing with it; but that, at the same time, it is very desirable to strengthen the Committees of the Society with both money and men without delay.

That the Administrative Committee be authorised to draw up suggestions for the use of District Committees, to enable them to meet promptly any exceptional distress which may from time to time arise, special regard being had in such suggestions to the expediency of co-operating with other charitable associations.

That the Administrative Committee be instructed to watch the course of events, and to take such prompt action as may be necessary for dealing with any exceptional distress which may show itself in any part of London.

I am accordingly directed by the Administrative Committee to send you the following suggestions:

I. INCREASING DISTRESS.—It is likely that the first indication of increasing distress will be a larger number of applications from persons out of work, and that thus, before extreme privation such as the public apprehend is widely spread, there will be considerable pressure on the resources of District Committees.

The Administrative Committee would urge District Committees to endeavour to meet all applications in the usual manner, employing additional inquiry officers, obtaining the services of former members of Committee who from various circumstances may have partially withdrawn from active work, securing the assistance of new members, and making a special appeal to the local clergy, ministers, and charitable persons to co-operate with them for the relief of suitable cases, with a view to coping with the distress as it arises. In this way it may be hoped that no such distress will occur as may not be satisfactorily met by a judicious development of the existing machinery, without its being necessary to have recourse to extraordinary measures.

Out-of-Work Cases.—Some classes of workmen have to expect periodical want of employment. In these cases it is unwise to give charitable assistance except by loan and on a prospect of work being forthcoming at an early date. In a time of depression of trade, however, the want of employment may be of an exceptional, rather than of a periodical and ordinary character. District Committees should endeavour to discriminate between these two classes of cases, and, if there is evidence of respectability, good conduct, and thrifty habits, they should make every effort to save those who are reduced to distress by unforeseen want of employment from applying for poor law relief.

Able-bodied out-of-work cases, not marked by favourable circumstances, should be referred to the guardians.

II. EXCEPTIONAL DISTRESS.—Upon information, or even a rumour, of exceptional distress in any part of their district reaching a Committee, an inquiry should, with the least possible delay, be made regarding its extent and cause.

Sub-Committees.—If reliable information of the existence of grave and widespread distress is received, the Committee should, while adhering to the principles of the Society, adapt their machinery, as the distress extends, to the exceptional circumstances. With this end, the Administrative Committee suggest that the Poor Law Union should be divided into the relieving officers' districts, or if still smaller areas are required, into districts containing one or two parishes. The District Committees of the Society are, in accordance with the Society's plan, of a strictly representative character. Many of the clergy and ministers of religion, and a large proportion of actively benevolent persons, are in most districts members of the Committee. It is evident, therefore, that with their aid and the further special assistance referred to in the first paragraph, there should be a sufficient number of persons to serve on these Sub-Committees. The Sub-Committees would, in short, be reproductions of the District Committees, on a smaller scale, thrown out to meet a special emergency.

An experienced chairman and secretary should be selected for each Sub-Committee, to which also one or more inquiry officers should be attached.

On the register at the offices of the Council are the names of candidates for the post of inquiry officer, if a larger staff should be wanted. Additional books and forms can be obtained, at the shortest notice, of Messrs. Spottiswoode & Co., New-street Square, E.C.

The Responsibilities of District Committees.—The District Committees are responsible for doing everything in their power to ensure that whatever charitable relief is given is so administered that the recipients will not eventually become dependent on charity or poor law. The Committee should, with this object, watch the course of events, and endeavour to combine and organise whatever local arrangements for the relief of distress may be planned. They should not promote the establishment of relief committees distinct from the proposed Sub-Committees; but if such committees are formed, they should offer to join them and

to co-operate, so as to secure the effectual administration of any funds that may be collected. On the other hand, to avoid an indiscriminate and disunited administration of relief, it may be necessary for the District Committee to take the initiative, and it should then be prepared, by way of local appeals, if necessary, to deal directly and in co-operation with other societies with any distress that may arise.

The Council, on their part, will endeavour to arrange a more intimate co-operation between the Society and the larger Metropolitan Relief Societies, so that the funds of these societies may be available for relief purposes in connection with the work of the Sub-Committees.

Co-operation with the Poor Law.—The guardians will probably meet the increase of destitution by enlarging the workhouses (as at Kensington), or by opening labour-yards, in accordance with the outdoor relief regulation order. Under these circumstances it will, as heretofore, be the duty of the District Committees to refer to them all undeserving and thriftless applicants. If the Guardians apply the workhouse test, the distinction between the cases eligible for charity and those suitable for poor law relief will be clearly understood, and charity will undertake the temporary relief of all cases which, considered on their merits, are worthy of being exempted from the application to the poor law. If the guardians open labour-yards, some special arrangement may be made with them by which a further classification of cases, such as that suggested in the *Times* of the 2nd inst. may be carried out—viz. the relief at the stoneyard and by charity of those who have homes of their own, the relief by charity of the provident poor, and the relief of the undeserving and homeless poor in the house. It would, however, be better, as a general rule, that a clear division should be made between cases suitable for charity and those suitable for the poor law, and that the two methods of relief (charity and poor law) should work concurrently and in co-operation, but should not combine in the relief of individual cases.

Temporary relief.—The action of the guardians will necessarily regulate the nature and amount of temporary relief which charity will have to provide. If it should be found necessary to establish a system of local depôts for the sale of cooked food, this food should be distributed by orders given by the Sub-

Committee, or responsible persons acting in co-operation with them, after full investigation, in favour of particular individuals; and carefully revised lists should be placed in the hands of those in charge of the dépôts. These lists should be open to the inspection of all subscribers and ratepayers; and it is hoped that the ticket system, which is liable to so much abuse, will not be had recourse to on this occasion.

If the guardians open labour-yards, and thus provide for a large number of cases (including families), no special charitable system of supplying temporary relief of the above nature may be required.

In any case the rule that all charitable temporary relief should be connected with other aid productive of permanent benefit should be continually kept in view.

Pending investigation, it may be necessary to give some assistance.

Charitable Employment.—The Administrative Committee do not think it advisable that District Committees should initiate any system of charitable employment. It is very questionable whether the occupation thus given to the otherwise idle is in itself a sufficient ground for opening workrooms, &c. On the other hand, it is evident that the plan has a great tendency to interfere with industries which are still partially, at least, remunerative; to tempt those in receipt of fair earnings to accept the wages of charity with the advantage of comparatively light work; and to collect people from other quarters, and thus still further embarrass and complicate the labour market.

Assistance to District Committees.—The Administrative Committee are prepared to give District Committees every assistance in their power in carrying out these suggestions, and to aid them, on cause being shown, with special grants for organisation and other purposes.

Reports from District Committees regarding Local Distress.—The Administrative Committee rely upon the District Committees to report to them, week by week, so long as the present apprehensions of distress exist, and to inform them at once of any real or apparent increase of distress in their districts. They hope that, should any emergency arise, the honorary secretaries will act with promptitude, and that the District Committees, by immediate communication with the proper authorities, by hold-

ing daily meetings, and in other ways, will prove that the Society can be relied upon to do its part in effectually assisting the poor, and at the same time preventing the increase of pauperism.

I am, yours truly,

C. S. LOCH, *Secretary.*

(3) *Notes of the Action of the Kensington and Stepney Committees during the Winter.*

(a) The honorary secretary of the Kensington Committee writes as follows :

'A large number of men, mostly connected with the building trade, having been thrown out of work by the long-continued frost, the Kensington Committee, towards the end of January, thought it desirable to make it widely known that they were in a position to meet the emergency. With this view they publicly informed the guardians and others who were likely to be applied to for assistance, that the Committee were prepared to relieve all cases of temporary distress in which good character and reasonable forethought could be shown. In consequence of this intimation an unusually large number of applications were made: some of these were brought to the notice of the Committee by their own members, who attended meetings of the guardians at the request of the board, and with the object of exchanging information; some on the recommendation of the relieving officers; and others in consequence of direct applications from the distressed persons themselves.

'In dealing with these applications the Committee endeavoured to adhere as closely as possible to their ordinary practice of making a full inquiry in each case, and of giving only such relief as was suitable and adequate. In consequence, however, of the urgency of the distress which was frequently found to exist, and of the responsibility they had taken on themselves by informing the guardians that they were prepared to relieve deserving cases, they often found it necessary to give assistance before the inquiry was complete; and in considering the important question of how far it was judicious to assist men who ordinarily earn high wages, they felt that so unusually long a period of frost, and of consequent cessation of employment, was

to a working man a calamity, like flood or fire, against which he can hardly be expected to make provision.

'The Committee relieved a large number of applicants during the latter part of the frost, and they believe that by doing so they have prevented much suffering. They have been cordially supported by their friends, and they believe that much larger funds would have been forthcoming if it had been found necessary to appeal to the neighbourhood for assistance.'

(b) The hon. secretary of the Stepney Committee writes:

'The Stepney Committee have endeavoured to deal with the prevailing distress without setting aside any rules of the Society. But they have thought it expedient to modify their usual practice in the following ways:

'1st. By giving relief pending inquiry wherever there has been urgent need, and *prima facie* ground for believing the applicant to be a person whom it was desirable to prevent from becoming a pauper. Evidence as to character, thrift, care of children, or a clean and tidy home, has been considered to bear upon this point.

'2ndly. By granting in many instances a small weekly allowance to able-bodied applicants of the above class who had been suffering from prolonged slackness, or absence of work, in the hope of tiding them over a season of difficulty, till a favourable change should occur.

'The number of applications received during the months of January and February in the present, as compared with the past year, is as follows:

	1878.	1879.
New cases	49	190
Recurrent	37	68
	—	—
Total	86	258
	—	—

154 of these have been relieved.

60 „ „ rejected.

18 had not at the end of February been before the Committee.

26 had been temporarily dealt with, but were having their investigation completed.

Total 258

APPENDIX II.

THE FOLLOWING TABLE SHOWS THE NUMBER OF CASES DECIDED BY THE DISTRICT COMMITTEES IN THE YEAR 1878.

DISTRICT COMMITTEES.	Class I. Dismissed or unfavourably reported on as				Class II. Recommended to				Class III. Assisted by					Grand total	Reports sent out	Inquiries for other Committees	Vagrants dealt with
	Not requiring relief	Undeserving	Cases for Poor Law or otherwise ineligible	Class total	The Guardians	Institutions or Local agencies	Private persons	Class total	Grants	Loans	Employment	Letters for hospitals &c.	Class total				
WEST :—																	
Kensington . . .	178	151	238	564	21	48	69	138	131	20	66	..	217	919	478	201	702
Fulham . . .	31	34	12	77	18	9	64	86	49	4	6	183	242	405	146	180	189
Paddington . . .	69	62	114	245	..	60	102	162	192	47	56	147	442	849	568	285	36
Chelsea . . .	33	28	113	174	25	103	62	180	72	21	51	94	238	592	678	278	78
St. George's G. Committee	47	12	142	201	..	42	32	74	104	11	2	19	136	1251	731	215	35
W. do.	73	47	274	394	18	120	28	166	213	34	1	32	280		338	91	1
St. James's & Soho, Westminster Union	34	16	49	96	2	11	21	34	39	7	3	4	53	185	141	266	88
NORTH :—																	
St. Marylebone	90	17	162	269	22	398	213	633	157	50	12	81	300	1902	282	390	1
Hampstead . . .	15	8	30	53	4	4	10	18	15	16	7	16	54	125	77	69	303
North St. Pancras	28	25	30	83	5	61	71	137	..	15	20	24	59	379	146	161	17
South do. . .	91	90	111	292	10	59	156	225	..	14	3	50	67	584	155	307	32
Islington . . .	101	54	128	281	9	65	168	240	69	16	3	33	121	642	792	383	108
Hackney Un.	13	12	70	95	20	4	4	28	82	19	1	4	106	229	141	141	39
CENTRAL :—																	
St. Giles's and Bloomsbury	14	25	68	107	3	28	88	69	38	21	1	22	82	258	191	303	3
Strand . . .	11	20	65	96	..	31	32	63	35	21	3	1	60	219	759	274	2
Holborn . . .	35	18	77	130	11	17	88	116	13	20	1	4	38	284	185	426	37
City . . .	16	11	35	62	6	18	9	33	70	49	1	6	126	221	102	1068	362
EAST :—																	
Shoreditch . . .	25	17	97	129	..	13	117	130	49	17	..	8	74	843	135	260	8
Bethnal Green	44	17	133	194	1	22	28	51	67	10	..	4	81	326	156	130	..
Whitechapel . . .	60	37	147	244	8	78	85	171	27	13	13	23	76	491	259	235	1
St. George's-in-the-East	42	17	124	183	13	142	52	207	28	85	11	27	101	491	218	229	4
Stepney . . .	77	17	110	204	4	76	46	126	13	8	12	26	59	389	874	125	2
Mill End Old Town . . .	42	1	107	150	2	66	40	108	9	6	1	7	23	281	102	162	..
Poplar . . .	86	28	129	243	8	127	46	181	39	26	2	55	122	646	104	133	..
SOUTH :—																	
St. Saviour's	37	67	114	218	1	45	55	101	65	35	2	36	138	457	103	166	3
Newington . . .	47	35	83	165	17	54	44	115	32	21	1	15	69	349	196	178	3
St. Olave's	55	37	159	251	3	56	62	121	47	14	9	14	84	456	224	126	351
Lambeth . . .	47	36	97	180	9	11	22	42	132	19	6	17	174	396	95	259	66
Brixton . . .	18	7	9	24	..	6	20	26	11	15	2	1	29	89	61	46	55
Wandsworth and Putney	1	6	23	30	2	..	..	2	33	14	2	18	62	94	113	75	366
Battersea . . .	32	43	81	156	1	5	50	56	91	15	3	10	118	330	154	71	164
Olapham . . .	19	7	32	58	1	6	5	12	32	8	..	10	50	120	78	53	535
Camberwell :—																	
Grove Lane . . .	9	10	101	120	..	69	125	194	49	15	..	12	76	501	359	220	55
Peckham . . .	4	3	40	47	3	5	19	27	25	5	..	7	87	..	20	60	38
Greenwich . . .	23	8	46	77	9	..	16	24	57	64	3	67	191	292	61	82	1008
Deptford . . .	17	16	37	70	13	1	32	46	56	14	3	4	77	193	114	95	389
Woolwich . . .	48	19	21	88	11	28	29	68	35	11	2	4	50	206	232	28	269
Lewisham . . .	3	5	9	17	2	3	4	9	37	17	65	122	241	367	101	15	1907
Eltham . . .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1472
Sydenham . . .	5	6	5	16	2	..	4	6	189	28	..	11	228	250	1	11	1002
Totals . . .	1617	1068	3420	6105	279	1891	2065	4235	2400	795	373	1213	4781	15111	3068	7638	10110

APPENDIX III.

(1) RETURN OF SCHOOL BOARD CASES.

THE FOLLOWING IS A TABULAR STATEMENT OF THE CASES SENT TO THE DISTRICT COMMITTEES OF THE SOCIETY BY THE SCHOOL BOARD FOR LONDON DURING THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1878:—

No money expended	Money expended	Total number of cases	District Committees	Amount expended
				£ s. d.
18	13	31	Kensington	8 19 8
11	40	51	Fulham	108 14 0
3	..	3	Paddington	0 0 0
4	17	21	Chelsea	9 14 1
25	9	34	St. George's	6 12 0
18	10	28	St. James's and Soho, Westminster Union	14 11 6
2	4	6	St. Marylebone	2 4 6
..	1	1	Hampstead	0 5 0
3	26	29	North St. Pancras	21 14 4
23	37	60	South St. Pancras	151 2 10
29	62	91	Islington	91 11 3
32	11	43	Hackney	23 8 6
16	21	36	St. Giles's, Bloomsbury	13 4 6
12	21	33	Strand	14 9 8
52	61	113	Holborn	44 0 6
34	45	79	City of London	78 19 11
39	95	134	Shoreditch	78 14 0
77	43	120	Bethnal Green	35 4 0
21	19	40	Whitechapel	25 9 10
8	11	19	St. George's-in-the-East	11 18 0
8	8	16	Stepney	16 12 3
16	18	34	Mile End Old Town	15 9 2
18	22	40	Poplar	36 18 1
21	21	42	St. Saviour, Southwark	20 13 6
11	20	31	Newington	9 1 10
33	46	129	St. Olave, Southwark	41 2 1
43	30	73	Lambeth	27 2 5
2	5	7	Brixton	3 4 0
2	4	6	Wandsworth	3 14 4
31	32	63	Battersea	27 9 1
6	7	13	Clapham	2 14 3
1	47	48	Camberwell { Grove Lane	28 15 3
9	14	23	Peckham	7 13 3
3	21	24	Greenwich	7 16 10
29	33	62	Deptford	13 13 3
18	28	46	Woolwich	39 17 2
1	..	1	Lewisham	0 0 0
..	..	..	Ritham	0 0 0
..	5	5	Sydenham	3 7 9
727*	907	1,634	Total	£1,044 2 2

* Of these

123 were dismissed, as 'Not Requiring Relief,' or otherwise ineligible.

155 do. do. 'Undeserving.'

389 do. do. 'Ineligible.'

16 were recommended to the Guardians.

15 do. Local Agencies.

16 were assisted by Loans.

5 do. Employment.

8 do. Letters for Hospitals.

727 being the number of cases upon which no money was expended.

C. S. LOCH, Secretary.

CHARITY ORGANISATION SOCIETY.

(2) *Circular to District Committees 'Respecting the Arrangements agreed on with Mr. FRANCIS PEEK as to his offer of February 24, 1875.'*

1. It is already the duty of the District Committees of the Charity Organisation Society to inquire into all cases of alleged distress to which their attention may be called, and to deal with them to the best of their judgment and ability. Mr. PEEK is anxious to increase the ability of the Committees in the poorer districts to deal with such cases as the School Board authorities may refer to them, and also to encourage the School Board authorities to make use of the Charity Organisation Committees.

2. Mr. PEEK does not wish any special action taken in the way of paying school fees, nor any inquiries made with reference to the question of payment or remission by the School Board; but he desires that the Divisional and Sub-Divisional Committees of the School Board should be invited to refer persons who appear to be in need of charitable assistance to the District Committees of the Charity Organisation Society, and that the Clerk to each Divisional Committee should be furnished with the Investigation Tickets of the Society, so as to make it easier for them to refer persons to the local offices.

3. The cases of these persons will be inquired into like those of persons applying under any other circumstances, and dealt with strictly according to the principles of the Society as set forth in its Manual. According to those principles, no person is suitable for assistance from the funds of a District Committee unless there is likelihood of temporary relief being of permanent benefit to the applicant. Cases in which relief would merely temporarily alleviate the distress must be left to the Poor Law, or to private charity.

4. Mr. PEEK proposes to contribute the sum of £1,000 per annum for three years to the funds of the Society, to promote these arrangements.

5. This contribution will be paid into the District Committee Aid Fund of the Council, and will be granted out to the District Committees on application by them, special regard being had in future to the amount of expense incurred by each Committee in carrying out Mr. PEEK's wishes as above stated.

C. S. LOCH,
Secretary.

May 10, 1875.

Reprinted February 28, 1876.

- (3) *Reply of the Council of the Charity Organisation Society to a letter forwarded by Mr. Francis Peek on behalf of the Superintendents of the Visitors of the School Board for London.**

SOCIETY FOR ORGANISING CHARITABLE RELIEF
AND REPRESSING MENDICITY,

15 BUCKINGHAM STREET, LONDON, W.C.:

April 1, 1878.

SIR,—To the letter of the Superintendents of Visitors of the School Board for London of the 20th October last, forwarded by you on 12th December, I am directed to reply as follows:

The Council have read with much interest the letter of the Superintendents of Visitors, and they believe that good may result from a free interchange of ideas between the officers of the Board and members of this Society.

The concern for the poor which is manifested throughout the letter has their warmest sympathy, and they consider it a great gain, both to the poor and to this Society, that the Visitors of the Board should be going in and out among the people, acquainting themselves with their condition and bringing to the notice of the District Committees distress, of which they might otherwise remain unaware.

The Council trust that this co-operation may long continue. They are glad to receive suggestions, from time to time, and they feel sure that the District Committees of the Society are ready to hear all criticisms and to do all in their power to improve and develop their method of work.

It will perhaps be satisfactory to yourself and useful to those who have addressed you to preface the remarks about to be made on the 'Suggestions' of the Superintendents by a few words on the general principles which guide the Committees of the Society in the administration of charitable relief—more especially in the relations of that administration to the Poor Law.

Although it is a fact that, owing to a rightly-cherished feeling of self-dependence, very many of the poor will endure great privation rather than receive the State Charity of the Poor Law, it must be borne in mind that, happily, no charitable society in this country has to decide whether or not a man shall

* Reprinted from the *Charity Organisation Reporter*, Vol. VII., p. 132.

starve. The Poor Law is the agency to which everyone may resort to save himself and his family from the worst penalties of *destitution*. The question which the Committees of this Society are every day deciding is, whether certain cases of *distress* shall be left to the charity of the State, or regarded as eligible for the more various and agreeable forms of help which are at the command of voluntary charity. No one would rejoice more than members of these Committees, if they could feel justified in affording liberal pecuniary help in all cases of genuine distress, but they know too well that, in many instances, the distress they witness is but a symptom of a graver evil still, and that if they hasten carelessly to apply the palliative which unreflecting benevolence might suggest, they would, in all reasonable probability, aggravate the evil they desired to remove. The Council would urge, therefore, that discussing the various points raised in the letter of the Superintendents, it should be remembered that the District Committees aim, so far as it is possible, at dealing with or, at least, taking into careful consideration the causes which may have given rise to the distress in the individual cases brought to their notice.

A vast amount of the distress that exists is due, in their opinion, to causes which can only be counteracted by the exertion of the people themselves; and so long as the charity of the country is concerned, almost entirely, in warding off the effects of those causes, the people are not likely to be led to reflect upon them with any fixity of attention or set about to remove them with any earnestness of purpose.

When, therefore, a District Committee has to decide upon any particular case, the questions it has to ask are:

1. What is the cause of this distress?
2. The cause of distress having been ascertained, what effect will charity have upon that cause? Will it aggravate the mischief, by increasing the tendency to rely on aid from without in future emergencies, or will it strengthen the power of self-help and teach self-reliance? and, further, what effect will it have upon neighbours of the applicant who are placed in similar circumstances?
3. Having in view not only the distress but the cause of it also, should charity deal with the case, or should it be left to the sterner treatment of the Poor Law?

The Council believe that few can have any personal inter-

course with the poor without coming to the conclusion, that it is almost better that Charity should not act at all, than that it should so act as to increase and perpetuate the causes of distress among the wage-earning classes, and tend to undermine their independence.

In the Appendix* will be found a few illustrations of the cases dealt with by the Society, and of the manner in which assistance has been rendered. The Council would ask your perusal of them, before passing to the 'Suggestions.' A consideration of these cases will, it is hoped, remove any impression that the Society's work is likely to paralyse charitable effort, and will place in a truer light the limitations in the distribution of charitable relief which the Council believe to be required in the interests of the poor themselves.

SUGGESTIONS OF SCHOOL BOARD VISITORS.

'I. That each case should be considered solely upon its merits, and that the amount needed for relief should be decided with reference to the interests of the children, in the first place; and, secondly, with a view to the general benefit of the family.

This suggestion is divided into two parts. With regard to the first part, viz.—

'That each case should be considered solely upon its merits,' the Council would remark as follows :

1. The suggestion, if interpreted generally, embodies the usual action of District Committees.

2. But it may mean that cases should be regarded as isolated and not as related to the larger problems of poverty and pauperism. If such be the right interpretation, it is clear that the Society could not acquiesce in such a view of its duties. The Society could not dissociate the individual from the class, or pretend that its action could be limited to the person with whom alone it was dealing. It has to consider, in the individual case, what the more general effects of its action would be, if carried out on a large scale in similar cases; e.g. the gift of boots to enable children to attend school, if frequently made and widely known, would tend to make parents neglect to send their children to school in order to get the boots. Thus the object of the School Board would be in a measure defeated.

* The appendix has been omitted. It will be found in the *Charity Organisation Reporter*, Vol. VII., p. 134.

With regard to the second part of this suggestion, respecting the consideration of the interests of the children in regard to the amount of relief granted, the Council would remark :

1. That there does not appear to be any difference between cases sent by the School Board Visitors, in accordance with the agreement made with yourself, and other cases dealt with by the Society, except in the fact that after decision on School Board cases, the Committees have at hand for relief purposes the special fund you have so generously placed at their disposal.

2. That, unless in very exceptional circumstances, it is for the parents to provide for the needs of their children ; and it is for wise charity to help the parents to help themselves to make this provision, rather than to supply them with ordinary necessities. Relief which made the parents improvident would not be, in the long run, beneficial to the children. The introduction of any distinction between the interests of the children and those of the parents, as to the amount of relief, would, therefore, the Council fear, increase the difficulty of arriving at a just decision. It would lead to applications being made almost entirely for the children's sake, on the plea that they were unable to attend school, and would lead to the neglect of the children by the parents.

SUGGESTION II.

'That in cases of women deserted by their husbands, or widows, or in cases where the husband is unable (through ill-health or otherwise) to support the family, relief should not be absolutely refused because applicants have declined to enter the workhouse or to allow their children to be sent to parochial schools.'

Respecting the different points contained in this suggestion, the Council would remark :

1. With regard to the words 'absolutely refused,' that inadequate and unsuitable relief is frequently as bad as or worse than no relief. Its real effect might often be to encourage the family to continue to live on insufficient means, without any hope of improving their condition.

2. Without reference to 'cases of women deserted by their husbands,' the Council consider, for the following reasons, that, harsh as it may appear, such cases are, as a rule, better left in the hands of the Poor Law authorities :

- (a) The wife is frequently in collusion with her husband.
- (b) It is most desirable, more in the interest of the poor than of the rich, that every effort should be made to punish the husband.
- (c) Many who will not hesitate to allow their family to fall back upon charity or out-relief, will scruple to take a step which will oblige them to go into the house.
- (d) The guardians have the readiest legal means of dealing with these cases.

In exceptional cases, however, or sometimes where the desertion is an accomplished fact of old standing, the ordinary rule would defeat its own object; and these cases have to be specially considered and dealt with.

3. With reference to the cases of 'widows' the Council would submit the following considerations:

- (a) The means available for assisting widows are limited, and many details will have in each case to be taken into account.
- (b) One of the first objects of charity should be to encourage thrift. Non-provision for the widow must in most cases bring with it its own penalties. If there has been wilful thriftlessness, therefore, it is, as a rule, wrong to assist.
- (c) But in some cases the husband has subscribed to a benefit club, and yet, with the earnings of the widow, no sufficient maintenance can be provided.

In these cases, if there are more children than the widow can support, there are, as a rule, the following alternatives:

- (1) Better work may be obtained for the widow. This may be done, but it will seldom be found, by itself, to be sufficiently well paid to enable her to maintain a large family, many of the members of which cannot gain any wages at all.
- (2) By utilising her savings and by assistance from the charitable, those of her children that she can spare may be provided for at Homes, while she has, or is placed in a position in which she can earn, enough to support herself and the remainder.
- (3) If there be no savings, and if there is no sufficient supplementary charitable assistance forthcoming, those of her children whom she can spare, may have to go into a Poor Law school, while she supports the remainder.
- (4) The following general considerations are of importance: The above-mentioned plans of assistance (2 and 3) may be objected to because they break up the family. But, as no sufficient

provision for the widow and children has been made, either because no satisfactory means of insurance were available, or because of carelessness, unthrift, or vice, there can be for the charitable, so long as the wages of women are so low, and their power of earning high wages, as a rule, so small, only a choice of evils. It would plainly be impossible, and probably injurious, for charity to have at its disposal such large funds as would provide for the unprovided children in their own homes. The evil consequences of thriftlessness would be set at naught.

Cases of premature death, and others of a similar special nature, must necessarily, under existing conditions, be considered apart from the above general rules. Some further remarks on this subject will be found in the Appendix.

4. With regard to 'cases in which the husband is unable (through ill health or otherwise) to support the family,' the Council consider that these cases must be taken on their merits; the following rule being, generally speaking, observed, viz. 'That while it is good for the poor to meet, by their own forethought and exertions, all the ordinary contingencies of life, there is ample room for the exercise of an abundant charity in dealing with exceptional misfortune.'

SUGGESTION III.

'That able-bodied persons temporarily out of work might be assisted either by loans, employment, or, in urgent cases, by substantial grants.'

On this suggestion the Committee would remark:

1. Generally, in reference to the assistance of able-bodied persons out of employment, that many such persons are out of work at certain periods of each year, e.g. painters; and that to assist them, as a rule, by substantial grants is to add an inducement to make no effort to put by during the time of work, or to try and get some other kind of work to which they can turn in the slack season. No charity can meet an economic fact, such as this, of periodic want of employment.

Yet help might be given in urgent cases, conditional on the saving of money on the part of the applicant on his resumption of work. It might be given also in suitable cases in which a definite promise of employment has been made. It is, however, evident that there must always be considerable difficulty in the

Committees' obtaining any satisfactory guarantee for this, or in their securing the assistance of persons whose individual influence will be sufficient to ensure it.

2. With regard to loans, unless both the security can be obtained and there is a reasonable probability of the loan being repaid (conditions not frequently found in ordinary out-of-work cases), such help would, in effect, be injurious; for the loan would be only a gift under a false name. A loan might be made, however, when there is good prospect of immediate employment.

3. With regard to assistance by employment, the Committees are generally ready to help in this manner, but their means of giving such assistance are necessarily limited.

It will be seen from these remarks that there is no general rule of the Society, that able-bodied persons temporarily out of work shall not be assisted. These, like other cases, are considered on their merits; but District Committees have in all cases of this kind to take into their consideration the fact, that being occasionally out of work is a contingency for which the wage-earning classes ought to be prepared, and that to make a rule of relieving distress arising solely from this cause would be injurious to those very classes, because if carried out on a large scale it would have a tendency to keep down wages, and to discourage them from saving up money to meet such occasional emergencies.

SUGGESTION IV.

'That the fact of the applicant having a large family of young children—with a reasonable probability of further increase—is not of itself a reason for the refusal of adequate assistance.'

On this suggestion, and on the illustrative cases referred to, the Council have to remark that 'the fact of the applicant having a large family of young children' does not appear 'of itself' a reason for the refusal of adequate assistance, nor do the words mentioned in the report of the 'illustrative cases,' in their opinion, admit of this interpretation.

'On the other hand, it is obvious that very serious evils would arise, if the fact of an applicant having a large family were, apart from other circumstances, considered to constitute a positive claim for relief.

SUGGESTION V.

'That every case found, after careful inquiry, to be deserving, should be assisted.'

The necessary condition of all wise charity should, the Council believes, be added to these words, viz. 'if the assistance is likely to improve permanently the condition of the recipient.' But, on the other hand, it must be admitted, that in the present state of charitable administration many cases, unfortunately, cannot be helped, (1) because no suitable charity exists, or those that exist have rules that detract from their utility, or are full, &c.; (2) because the charitable have themselves to recognise the necessity of giving the large help that is frequently required, and to combine for the purpose of giving such help.

Private charity, the Council believe, could not be of greater service than in the relief of eligible cases of affliction, sickness, infirmity, and old age, for which the assistance of no suitable charitable institution is forthcoming.

SUGGESTION VI.

'That in the decision of cases in which the applicant does not bear a stainless character, the possibility of giving such help as may enable him (*or her*) to make a fresh start should in all cases be considered.'

The Council heartily concurs in this suggestion, and has always regarded the assistance referred to as one of the most important features of its work. (*See Appendix.*) There are, of course, numerous practical difficulties, with which it must be left to the wisdom of the District Committee to deal.

The Council have directed me to add, in conclusion, that the extracts and remarks respecting cases dealt with by District Committees have been carefully considered in connection with the documentary evidence in the possession of the Committees; also that the Battersea Committee have expressed a wish that a full inquiry should be made on the subject of the enclosure referring to them, and are desirous that the Local Superintendent should see them regarding it.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,
C. S. LOCH, *Secretary.*

To Francis Peek, Esq.

APPENDIX IV. .

LOANS.

The following general rules regarding Loans made by the District Committees of the Society are reprinted from District Committee Paper No. 2.

‘Four rules may safely be deduced from the above experiences :

‘1. Loans should never be granted without proper security being taken. If, *under very special circumstances*, security is not forthcoming, and assistance is still deemed desirable, it should take the form of a gift, the recipients being told that if the gift enables them to get on well, the Committee will expect them to return it. This has been tried with success.

‘2. Loans should only be granted to honest and industrious persons in temporary distress ; it having been first ascertained that the advance is likely to enable them to get clear of their difficulties.

‘3. Sureties should invariably be persons as nearly as possible in the same rank of life with the borrowers. If the borrowers are well known to their neighbours, and are deserving persons they will not find it difficult to obtain such sureties ; the poor are by no means slow to help one another on such occasions.

‘4. No excuses should be accepted for non-payment of instalments, except sickness, when, with the consent of the sureties the weekly payments may be temporarily suspended, to be resumed again on recovery.

‘It is believed that if these rules be rigidly adhered to, there will be no difficulty in obtaining repayment : that, seeing the necessity for punctual payment, the borrowers will acquire habits of discipline and self-control ; and that when they find how easy it is to put by 6d. or 1s. a week, they will learn habits of providence. No system of aiding the poor rests on a sounder basis than that of secured Loans without interest.’

APPENDIX V.

REGULATIONS FOR THE CONDUCT OF INQUIRIES
AT THE OFFICES OF THE COUNCIL.*

The following is part of a District Committee Paper recently issued :—

All inquiries made at the Offices of the Council are, subject to the supervision of the Administrative Committee, conducted, in accordance with the following regulations, under the control and direction of the Inquiry Sub-Committee.

I.—INDIVIDUALS.

(a) *Suburban Cases.*—Cases of persons resident in the suburbs, outside the metropolitan area, are undertaken by the Council, if the request for inquiry is made by a resident in London, who is ready, should the applicant be found eligible for charitable assistance, to give or procure the aid required.

In such cases, on the receipt of the letter asking that an inquiry be made, an acknowledgment in accordance with the above arrangement is sent to the inquirer.

The investigation is conducted by the inquiry officers of the Council.

No applications made on their own behalf by persons resident in the suburbs or in the country, are entertained. But such applications may be referred, when it is possible, to a local organisation.

(b) *Country Cases.*—Cases of persons residing outside the metropolitan area and the suburbs of London are not undertaken by the Society ; but if there is a local Charity Organisation Society or any other suitable agency from which information can be obtained, the case is referred to the local agency for a report, and the report is transmitted through the office of the Council to the inquirer.

(c) *Foreign Cases.*—Inquiries into foreign cases are undertaken by the Council through the agencies of the Societies with which they are in correspondence. Foreign, country, and sub-

* Reprinted from the *Charity Organisation Reporter*, No. 286, p. 26.

urban inquiries relating to resident cases, dealt with by District Committees, are also undertaken by the Council at the request of District Committees.

(d) *Cases forwarded by Government Departments.*—The office of the Council is the office for distributing resident cases to the proper District Committees, or to the country.

(e) *Resident Cases.*—Applicants resident in London who come to the offices of the Council are referred to their district Committee. (*Charity Organisation Reporter*, Vol. II., p. 86.)

All inquiries addressed to the offices of the Council respecting resident cases are sent direct to the office of the district in which the person resides concerning whom the inquiry is asked for; and an intimation that this has been done is sent both to the inquirer and to the office of the district in which the inquirer resides.

Under exceptional circumstances inquiry may be made from the offices of the Council in resident cases, in accordance with the following bylaw:

18. Whenever the Secretary considers it desirable to inquire, from the Central Office, either in whole or in part, into the case of a person resident within the district of any District Committee, he shall obtain the sanction of the District Committee or its Hon. Sec., and shall report to the Administrative Committee.

(f) *Prosecution Cases.*—Cases in which a prosecution appears advisable are undertaken in accordance with the following bylaw (40, section vi.):

(vi.) To decide as to the prosecution of street beggars, begging-letter writers, and impostors, the following rules being observed:

- (a) The prosecution of street beggars shall be left to the District Committees; also the prosecution of impostors and begging-letter writers, whose operations are not known to extend beyond the area of one District Committee.
- (b) The persons or societies immediately concerned in any case shall, if possible, be induced to prosecute, it being understood that this Society will always afford such assistance as the circumstances may appear to require.
- (c) In cases in which the interests of the public appear to render prosecution desirable, and in which no one else will undertake it, the Committee shall consider the propriety of prosecuting.
- (d) No prosecution shall be authorised by the Committee unless an opinion has been previously obtained from the legal advisers of the Council as to the probability of securing a conviction.

(g) *Cases to be Reported upon by the Mendicity Society.*—Applications to the Mendicity Society for reports in cases respecting which the District Committees require information, are made through the Central Office.

(h) *Homeless Cases.*—Homeless persons applying at the offices of the Council are referred to the Strand Committee to be dealt with by them. If the office of the Strand Committee is not open, such persons are referred to the nearest relieving officer, or to the Newport Market Refuge, to be afterwards dealt with by the Committee of the District.

II.—INSTITUTIONS.

All inquiries into institutions are undertaken by the Council. District Committees may, however, be asked to report in such cases, under exceptional circumstances, or when the institution appears to be of an entirely local character.

If the institution professes to be of a purely religious character, or formed for the extension of special views on any religious, social, or philanthropic question, the Council make a preliminary inquiry regarding the *bona fides* of the undertaking, but pass no judgment on the usefulness of the work itself.

The Council reserves to itself in all cases a discretionary power as to whether any inquiry should be made.

APPENDIX VI.

INQUIRY WORK—OFFICES OF THE COUNCIL.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF WORK DONE IN THE YEARS
1876, 1877, 1878.

	1876	1877	1878
INSTITUTIONS.			
Inquiries—In London (through Central Office)	29	30	26
In Suburbs " " "	5	5	1
In Country " " "	1	11	4
Abroad " " "	0	1	0
By District Committees and reported on through Central Office	4	3	22
	39	50	53
Reports on old and new Institutions	1,054	2,296	429
INDIVIDUAL CASES.			
Inquiries—In Suburbs (through Central Office)	46	47	45
In Country " " "	39	72	45
Abroad " " "	4	3	3
By District Committees and reported on through Central Office	157	132	101
	246	254	194
Reports on old and new individual cases	1,340	1,177	544
Applications for relief to Central Office referred to District Committees for treatment direct	421	458	357

RULES

OF

The Society for Organising Charitable Relief and Repressing Mendicity.

I.—The Society is formed for the purpose of Organising Charitable Relief and Repressing Mendicity, and may be referred to under the short title of 'The Charity Organisation Society.'

Title.

II.—It shall consist of a federation of District Committees, whose general principles of action shall be determined by a Central Council.

Constitution.

III.—Any person being a Member of a District Committee, or being an Annual Subscriber of not less than £1. 1s., or a Donor of not less than £10. 10s. to the Funds of the Council, or of any District Committee, shall be a Member of the Society.

Membership of the Society.

IV.—All Subscriptions to the funds of the Council shall become due upon the 1st of January, and be paid to the Treasurer or Bankers of the Council. Members joining the Society after the 30th of September shall be considered as becoming Subscribers from the 1st of January following.

Subscriptions.

V.—The Council shall consist of—

Members of the Council.

- (1) Representatives of District Committees.
- (2) *Ex-officio* Members.
- (3) Additional Members specially elected by the Council.
- (4) Representatives of Charitable Associations under Rule XII.
- (5) Honorary Members.

VI.—There shall be a Chairman, Treasurer, and such Vice-Chairmen as the Council shall think fit, who shall be appointed by, and hold office during the pleasure of, the Council, and shall be *ex-officio* Members of Council.

Ex-officio Members of Council.

VII.—The Representatives of District Committees shall be elected annually, within one month after the Annual General Meeting of

Representatives of District Committees.

the Society. Each Committee shall send two Representatives, with the following exceptions:—(1) In the case of Districts which have more than one office, the Council may, if they think fit, receive additional Representatives. (2) In the case of such District Committees as do not by themselves cover an area co-extensive with that managed by one Board of Guardians, the Council may restrict the number of Representatives, and also the number of *ex-officio* Members, to be received from such Committees.

VIII.—Each District Committee shall have power to fill up vacancies, and to send special Representatives in the place of its ordinary Representatives to meetings of the Council, provided that such special Representatives be appointed at a Committee Meeting, and that a Secretary of the District Committee send written notice of the appointment to the Secretary of the Council.

*Ex-officio
Members of
the Council.*

IX.—The Chairman and Honorary Secretary or Secretaries (not exceeding two) of each District Committee shall be *ex-officio* Members of the Council.

*Additional
Members of
the Council.*

X.—The Council shall have power to elect specially such additional Members as they shall think fit, not exceeding in number one-fourth of the number of Representatives of District Committees. Any person so specially elected shall continue a Member of the Council until one month after the next Annual General Meeting and shall be eligible for re-election.

XI.—Every person proposed for Special Election shall be nominated at a Meeting of the Council, and proposed at the following meeting, and must then have the votes either of two-thirds of the Members present, or of a majority of the whole Council, in order to be elected.

*Representatives of
Metropolitan
Charities.*

XII.—The Council shall have power to admit Representatives of any Metropolitan Charities desirous of amalgamating or otherwise intimately co-operating with this Society, not exceeding two in number from each such Charity.

*Honorary
Members of
the Council.*

XIII.—There shall be a President and so many Vice-Presidents of the Society as the Council shall think fit, who shall be elected by the Council, and shall be Honorary Members entitled to attend the Meetings of the Council, but not to vote.

*Powers of
the Council.*

XIV.—The Council shall have full power to adopt all such measures as they may deem best calculated to fulfil the objects of

the Society, including the appointment of Committees, to whom such powers and business shall be entrusted as the Council shall from time to time determine. The power vested in the Council shall be exercised only in duly summoned Meetings, and at which not fewer than five Members shall be present.

XV.—The Council shall be regulated in their proceedings by such Bye-Laws as may from time to time be enacted by them, no Bye-Law being in any case altered, or a new one proposed, without at least a week's notice of such intention being given at a Meeting of Council. The Council shall have power to appoint such officers as from time to time they shall think fit.

Bye-Laws of
the Council.

XVI.—All matters in question before the Council or at a General Meeting of Members of the Society shall be decided by the votes of the majority present, and in case of an equality of votes, the Chairman shall have a casting vote.

Voting at the
Council or at
General
Meetings of
the Society.

XVII.—An Annual Meeting of the Society shall be held at such time and place in the month of March, or at such other time, as the Council may deem expedient.

The Annual
and Special
Meetings of
the Society.

XVIII.—The Council shall have the power to convene a Special Meeting whenever they shall deem it expedient.

XIX.—Any Thirty Members of the Society shall have power to require the Council to convene a Special Meeting, on a written requisition being signed and presented by them, specifying the business to be brought before such Meeting, and the Council shall thereupon convene a Meeting not later than twenty-one days after receiving the requisition.

XX.—Every such Annual or Special Meeting shall be announced ten days previously by Circular or Advertisement, signed by the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, or Secretary of the Council, specifying the time and place of the meeting. No business or proposition shall be discussed or entered upon at any Special Meeting other than that specified in the Circular or Advertisement convening the Meeting.

XXI.—No business shall be transacted at any General Meeting of the Society unless at least Twenty Members are present.

XXII.—The Council shall submit to the Annual Meeting a Report of their proceedings and of the position of the Society; and also a

The Report
of the
Council.

duly audited Balance-sheet showing the Income and Expenditure of the Council during the past year.

Auditors.

XXIII.—Auditors shall be appointed at the General Annual Meeting, or, failing such appointment, by the Council, for the purpose of auditing the accounts during the ensuing year.

**The Finance
or 'Admini-
strative'
Committee.**

XXIV.—A Finance Committee shall be appointed, consisting of not fewer than Three Members (one of whom shall act as Chairman and Treasurer), who shall submit to the Council at their several Meetings a Statement of all Receipts and Expenditure, with an estimate of all Liabilities, and who shall superintend the collection of all moneys on behalf of the Council, and the payment of all Disbursements duly authorised by the Chairman of the Council. No money shall be paid out except by Banker's Draft, signed by the Chairman of the Finance Committee and a Secretary.

**Alterations
in the Rules.**

XXV.—These rules shall not be altered or added to except by the resolution of a General Meeting of the Society, and no such resolution shall be brought forward unless a copy of the same shall have been furnished to the Secretary at least fifteen days before such General Meeting.

LIST OF DONATIONS AND SUBSCRIPTIONS

TO THE

GENERAL FUND OF THE COUNCIL

Received from Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 1878.

Lists of Donations and Subscriptions to the District Committee Aid Fund and to the Provident Dispensary Extension Fund, and of Contributions for Special Cases, and for Relief only, will be found on pages 73, 75, 71, and 72 respectively.

N.B.—The following list includes ONLY the contributions paid to the General Fund of the Council. Contributors to the funds of a District Committee will find their names in the list attached to the Report of the District Committee to which they have paid their contributions.

	Donations			Subscriptions		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Abbott, Rev. Dr.				1	1	0
Aberdare, Lord				2	2	0
Aberdeen, The Earl of				5	5	0
Acland, Sir T. D., Bart., M.P. (per Hamilton N. Hoare, Esq.)				5	0	0
Acland, Sir T. D., Bart., M.P. (per Hoare & Co.), paid in error and subsequently re- funded				5	0	0
Adams, H. J., Esq.	1	1	0			
Admiralty, Lords Commissioners of the	10	0	0			
A Friend	5	0	0			
'A Friend'	2	0	0			
Aidé, Capt. H.				2	2	0
Ainalie, W. G., Esq.				1	1	0
Albemarle, Countess of				2	0	0
Alcock, Sir R., K.C.B.				2	2	0
Allen, G. B., Esq. (for South St. Pancras)				2	0	0
Alston, Hamilton, & Co., Messrs.				1	1	0
Amcotts, Vincent, Esq.	1	0	0			
Ames, E. L., Esq.				5	0	0
Anderdon, Mrs.	1	0	0			
Anderson, J. W., Esq.	10	0	0			
Angerstein, Mrs.				1	1	0
Angus, C. J., Esq.				0	10	0
Anonymous	1	1	0			
Anonymous	0	1	4			
Antrobus, Mrs. R.				1	0	0
Antrobus, Rev. John				1	1	0
Archer, Miss G. M	0	2	6			
Carried over	31	5	10	37	6	0

	Donations			Subscriptions		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought over	31	5	10	37	6	0
Armstrong, Mrs. E.				1	1	0
Ashfield, Miss	2	0	0			
Auriol, Rev. E.				1	1	0
Austen, Mrs. H.	5	5	0			
Awdry, W., Esq. (1877)				1	1	0
Awdry, W., Esq. (1878)				1	1	0
'A. W. P.'	1	1	0			
Bainbrigge, Major-General				1	0	0
Baird, Mrs. C. G.	2	2	0			
Baker, Sir George, Bart.				1	1	0
Baker, T. B. L., Esq.				2	0	0
Ball, F. M., Esq.				2	2	0
Ball, John, Esq.				1	1	0
Ball, Norris & Hadley, Messrs.				5	0	0
Bannatyne, Rev. C.				1	1	0
Barclay, A. C., Esq., M.P.				10	0	0
Baring, Hon. F. H.	100	0	0			
Baring, John, Esq.	10	0	0			
Baring, John, Esq.	5	0	0			
Barker, Mrs. H. Raymond				1	1	0
Barker, Rev. H. C. Raymond				1	1	0
Barlow, C. E., Esq.				5	5	0
Barnard, J. C., Esq.				1	1	0
Barnard & Sons, Messrs. Edward				1	1	0
Barnee, William, Esq.	5	5	0			
Barnetts, Hoares, & Co., Messrs.	10	10	0			
Bartley, George C. T., Esq.	2	2	0			
Bastard, Thomas H., Esq.	5	0	0			
Bates, Major H. Stratton	2	2	0			
Battye, Col. H. D.				1	0	0
Bayes, W., Esq.				1	1	0
Bayley, Mrs. H.	1	0	0			
Bayly, John, Esq.				5	5	0
Bayly, The Misses	10	0	0			
Bayning, Lady	5	0	0			
Beaumont, Rev. W. B.				1	1	0
Beddoe, J., Esq.				1	1	0
Beddoe, W., Esq.	5	0	0			
Bedford, The Duke of	100	0	0			
Bell, G. W., Esq.				1	1	0
Bell, John, & Co., Messrs.	3	3	0			
Bell, Mrs. W.				2	2	0
Benyon, Rev. E. R.				1	1	0
Benyon, Richard, Esq.	50	0	0			
Berkley, George, Esq.				2	2	0
Berman's Charity, The Trustees of	5	5	0			
Berners, The Baroness	1	1	0			
Bessborough, the Earl of	5	0	0			
Bevan, J. C. D., Esq.	5	5	0			
Carried forward	372	6	10	89	18	0

	Donations			Subscriptions		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward	372	6	10	89	18	0
Bevan, J. C. D., Esq.	1	1	0			
Bevan, R. C. L., Esq.	50	0	0			
Bevan, W., Esq.				5	5	0
Bevan, W., Esq. (special)	5	0	0			
Bevan, W., Esq. (special)	5	0	0			
Blackburn, Miss				5	0	0
Blake, Miss Frances	5	0	0			
Blakiston, J. R., Esq.				5	0	0
Blakiston, Matthew, Esq.				5	0	0
Blumer, J. G., Esq.	0	5	0			
Blundell Bros., Messrs.				1	1	0
Blunt, Executors of the late Mrs.				1	1	0
Blunt, Major-Gen. C. H.				1	1	0
Blunt, Mrs.	0	10	0			
Bompas, G. C., Esq., per Messrs. Bischoff & Co.				2	2	0
Bond, E., Esq. (special)	3	0	0			
Bond, Mrs.	5	5	0			
Booth, Rev. G. A.				1	1	0
Bosanquet, B., Esq.				5	0	0
Bosanquet, C. P. B., Esq.	5	0	0			
Bosanquet, F. A., Esq.				1	1	0
Bosanquet, Rev. G. H.				10	0	0
Bosanquet, Rev. R. W.	5	5	0			
Bourchier, Lady	5	0	0			
Bousfield, W., Esq.				2	2	0
Boyce, Capt., R.N.	5	5	0			
Boyson, A. P., Esq.				2	2	0
Bower, Rev. R. S.	2	2	0			
Bracken, W., Esq.	10	0	0			
Bracken, W., Esq.	10	0	0			
Branch, C., Esq.				2	2	0
Brand, H., Esq.				2	0	0
Brand, H., Esq. (special)	5	0	0			
Brandreth, Mrs.				1	0	0
Breeks, Mrs.				5	0	0
Briggs, Sir Graham	5	0	0			
Brind, F. W., Esq.				1	1	0
Brocklehurst, W. W., Esq.	2	0	0			
Brockman, Mrs. T.				1	0	0
Brodie, Fredk., Esq.	5	0	0			
Broke, Horace, Esq.				2	2	0
Bromfeild, J., Esq.				1	0	0
Brooke, Rev. J.	1	0	0			
Browell, E. M., Esq.				2	2	0
Brown, Davis, & Co., Messrs.				1	1	0
Brown, Douglas, Esq., Q.C.				2	2	0
Brown, Douglas, Esq., Q.C. (special)	1	1	0			
Brown, G. G., Esq.				2	2	0
Brown, H., Esq.				1	1	0
Brown, Mrs. Geo.	5	0	0			
Carried over	514	0	10	160	7	0

	Donations			Subscriptions		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought over	514	0	10	180	7	0
Brown, Rev. Dixon				1	1	0
Brown, Shipley, & Co., Messrs.	5	5	0			
Brownbill, J., Esq.	100	0	0			
Browne, Col. Sir T. G.				5	0	0
Browning, H. B., Esq.				2	2	0
Brunton, T. L., Esq.	1	1	0			
Bulkeley, Miss L.	10	0	0			
Bulter, W. M., Esq.	1	1	0			
Burnley, W. F., Esq.				2	2	0
Burnett, Sir R., Bart.	10	10	0			
Buxton, Mrs.	5	0	0			
Buxton, Mrs. E. M.	1	0	0			
Buxton, Rev. F. A.				2	2	0
Buxton, S. C., Esq.				5	5	0
‘C. E. L.’				1	1	0
‘C. J. C.’	5	0	0			
‘C. J. T.,’ per Mrs. W. Bell	0	3	0			
Carew, R. R., Esq.	10	0	0			
Carleton, Hon. Miss M. L.	5	0	0			
Carlile, J. W., Esq.				5	0	0
Calvert, Frederick, Esq., Q.C.	5	0	0			
Campion, W. H., Esq.	2	0	0			
Capper, Son & Co., Messrs.				1	1	0
Capper, H. H., Esq.				1	1	0
Carter, H. Bonham, Esq.				3	0	0
Carter, Mrs. Bonham				2	0	0
Carter, W., Esq.				1	1	0
Cartwright, Col. H.				3	0	0
Cator, A., Esq.				1	1	0
Cave, L. T., Esq.				1	1	0
Causton, Rev. C.	1	1	0			
Cavenagh, General (special)	5	0	0			
Cavenagh, General (1878)				2	2	0
Cavenagh, General (1879)				2	2	0
Cavendish, Lord F. C., M.P.				2	0	0
Caulfeild, F. W., Esq.	3	15	0			
Cecil, Lord Eustace.	5	0	0			
Chalk, Sir James				1	1	0
Charles, Geo., Esq. (special)	2	2	0			
Chance, G., Esq.	5	0	0			
Chance, J. T., Esq.				2	2	0
Child, Messrs., & Co.				10	10	0
Child, Sir Smith, Bart.	1	1	0			
Childers, J. W., Esq.				1	1	0
Cholmeley, Sir Hugh, Bart., M.P.	5	0	0			
Churchill, Lord	2	0	0			
Churchill, Lord Alfred	2	0	0			
Chrystie, Mrs. John (1878)				1	1	0
Ditto (1879)				1	1	0
Carried forward	706	19	10	220	5	0

	Donations			Subscriptions		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward	706	19	10	220	5	0
Chuter, Mrs.	5	0	0			
City Committee (contributions refunded)	94	17	0			
Clarke, Mrs.				1	0	0
Clarke, Messrs. A. F., & Co.				2	2	0
Clarke, Sir W. H.	1	0	0			
Class, Messrs. F. & Co.				1	1	0
Cleveland, Duchess of				2	0	0
Clive, Col. G. H. W.	20	0	0			
Clive, Lady Mary Windsor	2	0	0			
Clive, Meysey, Esq.				1	0	0
Clothworkers' Company				21	0	0
Clutton, John, Esq.	5	0	0			
Cobb, F., Esq.				1	1	0
Codrington, Mrs. Oliver	2	0	0			
Cook, F. L., Esq.	5	5	0			
Cohn, Hermann, Esq.				1	1	0
Cohen, L. & Co.	10	10	0			
Colvin, J. C., Esq.				1	1	0
Collyns, W. B., Esq.				0	10	6
Colville, Col. Hon. W. J.	3	0	0			
Colville, Right Hon. Sir J. W.				5	0	0
Corbett, John, Esq., M.P.				1	1	0
Corrie, Edgar, Esq.				2	2	0
Corrie, J. M., Esq.				1	1	0
Cotton, H. M., Esq.	1	1	0			
Couch, Rt. Hon. Sir Richard				2	2	0
Coulthurst, E., Esq.				3	3	0
Courage, E., Esq.	20	0	0			
Courage, Messrs., & Co.	25	0	0			
Coutts & Co., Messrs.				21	0	0
Courtenay, Miss L. B.				2	0	0
Courthope, G. J., Esq.	2	0	0			
Cowper, The Earl	10	0	0			
Cowper, the Hon. H., M.P.	10	0	0			
Cox & Co., Messrs.				10	10	0
Crisp, F., Esq.				1	1	0
Cropper, J., Esq.				20	0	0
Cross, Miss F. M.				1	1	0
Crosse, E. M., Esq.				1	1	0
Crossley, Lady				1	1	0
Crowder, A. G., Esq.				5	5	0
Crowder, A. G., Esq. (special)	20	0	0			
Crowder, F. Esq.				10	10	0
Crown Life Assurance Co.				2	2	0
Currie, B. W., Esq.	10	0	0			
'D. E. E.'	1	1	0			
D. H. S.	5	0	0			
Dalton, J. B., Esq.				1	1	0
Dalton, Miss	1	1	0			
Carried over	960	14	10	343	2	6

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	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought over	960	14	10	343	2	6
Dallas, R. C., Esq.				2	2	0
Dangerfield, A. E. T., Esq.				0	10	0
Darnley, Earl of				3	0	0
Danvers, James F., Esq.				1	1	0
Dalling, Mrs.	5	0	0			
Dashwood, H., Esq.	25	0	0			
Darwin, W. C., Esq.	1	1	0			
Davenport, Rev. J. M.	1	1	0			
Day, W. Esq.				1	1	0
Deacon, W. S., Esq.	5	0	0			
Dent, A., Esq.				3	3	0
Denison, Lady				5	0	0
Devas, Routledge, & Co., Messrs.	2	2	0			
Devas, T., Esq.				1	1	0
Devonshire, The Duke of	20	0	0			
Dickenson, Messrs. J. & Co.				2	2	0
Digby, G. D. W., Esq. (per W. Knatchbull, Esq.)				5	0	0
Digby, Rev. K.	10	0	0			
Droop, H. R., Esq.				3	3	0
Dobell, Dr. H.				1	1	0
Donovan, T., Esq.				5	0	0
Douglas, Lieut. J. H. Scott				1	0	0
Douglas, Lieut. J. H. Scott	1	0	0			
Douglas, Miss Scott				2	0	0
D'Oyly, Miss				5	0	0
Druce, A. D., Esq.				2	2	0
Drummond, Capt. A. M.	5	0	0			
Drummond, Messrs., & Co.	10	0	0			
Ducie, The Earl of	10	0	0			
Dunn, Miss				0	10	0
Duncan, James, Esq.				5	5	0
Duncombe, G. T., Esq.				3	3	0
Dunsany, Lord	20	0	0			
Dutton, Hon. E. L.				5	0	0
'E. S.'	1	0	0			
East Sussex, Chief Constable of				2	2	0
Eastwick, Captain				1	1	0
Ecclea, J. W., Esq.	5	0	0			
Eden, Mrs. E. H. G.				1	0	0
Edwards, S., Esq.				1	1	0
Egerton, Hon. W., M.P.	2	0	0			
Egerton, Vice-Admiral F.	5	0	0			
Egerton of Tatton, Lord (for St. James' Committee)	5	0	0			
Egerton of Tatton, Lord	5	0	0			
Egmont, Earl of				1	1	0
Elcho, Lord, M.P. (special)	10	0	0			
Ellis, F., Esq.	1	0	0			
Carried forward	1109	18	10	406	11	6

	Donations			Subscription		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward	1100	18	10	406	11	6
Elliot, John, Esq.				1	1	0
Ellwood, Henry, Esq.				1	1	0
Elliott, A., Esq.	1	0	0			
Eliot, the Hon. H. C.	10	0	0			
Elton, Sir A. H., Bart.	2	2	0			
England, Ebsworth, Esq.				1	1	0
Entwistle, Mrs. M. A.	1	1	0			
Erlanger & Co., Messrs.	2	2	0			
Erle, Miss E.				1	1	0
Erle, T. W., Esq.	10	0	0			
Ermen & Roby, Messrs.				1	1	0
Ewart, John, Esq.				2	2	0
Ewart, Miss M. A.				3	3	0
Evans, W. Herbert, Esq.				2	0	0
Eyre, G. J., Esq.	10	0	0			
Farrer, James, Esq.	10	0	0			
Farrer, Mrs. C. M.	1	0	0			
Farrington, Miss	1	0	0			
Farquhar, H. M., Esq.				5	0	0
Fellows, C. F., Esq.				1	0	0
Feldman, C. H., Esq.				1	1	0
Ferrie, O. A., Esq.	1	0	0			
Fetherstonhaugh, R., Esq. (special)	5	0	0			
Field, Osgood, Esq.				2	2	0
Fisher & Sons, Messrs.				0	10	6
Fisher, E. R., Esq.	3	3	0			
Fitzgerald, Mrs. R. A.	2	0	0			
FitzRoy, F. H., Esq.	1	0	0			
FitzRoy, Major				2	2	0
FitzRoy, Major (special)	5	0	0			
Flachfeld, Julius, Esq.				1	1	0
Fletcher, A. P., Esq.				5	5	0
Frost, Miss				0	5	0
Forster, J., Esq.				3	0	0
Forster, Right Hon. W. E., M.P.				5	0	0
Fortescue, Capt.				2	2	0
Fortescue, Earl				1	1	0
Fortescue, Hon. Dudley	5	0	0			
Fortescue, J. F., Esq. (1877)				1	1	0
Ditto (1878)				0	10	6
Foster, J. L., Esq. (special)	25	0	0			
Franks, W. J., Esq.				0	10	6
Freeman, H. A., Esq.	2	0	0			
Freeman, Mrs. K.				1	1	0
Fremantle, Col. A. Lyon				3	0	0
Friend, A.	5	5	0			
Frühling & Goschen, Messrs.	26	5	0			
Forbes, Lord	5	0	0			
Ford, W., Esq.				2	2	0
Carried over	1248	16	10	456	16	0

	Donations			Subscriptions		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought over	1243	16	10	456	16	0
Forsyth, Sir F. D.				2	2	0
Fothergill, T. R., Esq.	0	5	0			
Fox, C. E., Esq.	10	0	0			
Fuller, S., Esq.				5	0	0
Fuller, W., Esq.				2	2	0
Fyffe, C. A., Esq.	2	0	0			
Gardiner, T. G., Esq. (special)	10	0	0			
Gardiner, Major-Gen. L.				1	1	0
Gardiner, Major-Gen. L. (special)	5	0	0			
Gardiner, Major-Gen. L.	10	0	0			
Gardner, Rear-Admiral (special)	1	0	0			
Gardner, Rear-Admiral				1	1	0
Galpin, T. D., Esq.				1	1	0
Gaskell, C. G. M., Esq.				3	3	0
Gatliff, C., Esq.	5	0	0			
George, A. W., Esq.				1	1	0
Gibbs, Anthony & Sons, Messrs.				2	2	0
Gibbs, H. J., Esq.	2	2	0			
Gibbons, Sir J.	2	2	0			
Gibbins, Miss Margaret	10	10	0			
Gibson, W. S., Esq.				1	0	0
Gillett, Rev. E. A.	0	10	0			
Gillson, Mrs. H.				1	0	0
Gillum, Col.				1	1	0
Gladstone, W. H., Esq., M.P.				1	0	0
Glyn, Sir R. G., Bart.				1	1	0
'G. G. B.'	1	1	0			
'G. G. B.'				1	1	0
Goldsmid, Miss F.				1	1	0
Goldsmid, Miss F.	3	3	0			
Goldsmid, Sir Julian, Bart., M.P.	26	5	0			
Goldsmid, Sir Julian, Bart., M.P.				5	5	0
Goldsmiths' Company, The	100	0	0			
Goodford, Rev. C. O., D.D.	3	0	0			
Goodford, Rev. C. O., D.D.				2	0	0
Gordon, H. E., Esq.	1	0	0			
Gore, Miss E. E.				1	0	0
Goschen, Right Hon. G. J., M.P.				5	5	0
Goalings & Sharpe, Messrs.				10	10	0
Gottlieb, G. F., Esq.	5	0	0			
Governesses' Benevolent Institution, The				3	3	0
Graham, Col. Sir Lumley				1	1	0
Graham, R. W., Esq.				1	1	0
Gray, Alex., Esq.	5	0	0			
Gray, G. M., Esq.				5	0	0
Green, Richard, Esq.	3	3	0			
Greene, Lieut.-Col.	5	0	0			
Gregory, Cubitt, & Sons, Messrs.				1	1	0
Gregory, Sir W. E. Welby, Bart., M.P.				2	0	0
Carried forward.	1454	17	10	519	19	0

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	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward	1454	17	10	519	18	0
Grey, Mrs. W.				1	1	0
Grey, the Earl				5	0	0
Gripper, T., Esq.	3	0	0			
Grocers' Company, the	100	0	0			
Grosvenor, Capt. Hon. R. W.				5	0	0
Grosvenor, Lord R., M.P.				5	0	0
Grosvenor, Hon. R. C. (special)	5	0	0			
Grosvenor, Hon. R. C. (special)	5	0	0			
Guest, Mrs.				1	0	0
Gunmakers' Company, The	10	0	0			
Gurdon, W. B., Esq., C.B.				1	0	0
Gurney, John, Esq.	5	0	0			
Gurney, Miss H. (special)	1	1	0			
Hall, Mrs.	4	4	0			
Hall, W. H., Esq.				1	0	0
Hambro, Messrs. C. J. & Son	10	10	0			
Hamilton, C. H., Esq.	10	0	0			
Hamilton, Lord Claud				3	3	0
Hamilton, Lord G., M.P.	5	0	0			
Hampson, R., Esq.	1	0	0			
Hannah, Archdeacon				1	1	0
Hansbury, F. L., Esq. (1879)				1	1	0
Hardy, George, Esq.				0	10	6
Harrington, Elizabeth, Countess of				2	0	0
Haviland, F. G., Esq.	5	0	0			
Hawkins, C., Esq.	3	0	0			
Hawkins, F., Esq.	1	1	0			
Hawkins, G., Esq.				1	1	0
Hawkaley, Dr.				2	2	0
Hawkaley, Dr. (special)	5	0	0			
Haworth, Mrs. T.	0	10	0			
Hayes, Rev. W.	5	0	0			
Hayward, Mrs.	0	10	0			
'H. E.'	20	0	0			
Head, Messrs. H. & Co.				1	1	0
Heathcote, Right Hon. Sir W.				2	2	0
Heberden, C. B., Esq.	5	0	0			
Heberden, Rev. W.				1	1	0
Hedley, R., Esq.	5	0	0			
Henderson, W. M., Esq.				1	1	0
Hennell, T., Esq.				0	10	6
Hensley, R. M., Esq.				2	2	0
Henty, W., Esq.				1	1	0
Heron, Miss				1	0	0
Hertz, James, Esq.	1	0	0			
Hervey, Lord F., M.P.				1	1	0
Heyland, Miss	1	10	0			
Heywood, A. H., Esq.	5	5	0			
H. H.	20	0	0			
Carried over	1692	8	10	560	18	0

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	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought over	1692	8	10	560	18	0
Hicks, G. M., Esq.				5	5	0
Hicks, G. M., Esq. (for Lectures only)	25	0	0			
Higgins, W. Francia, Esq..	1	0	0			
Hilder, T. P., Esq.	5	5	0			
Hill, A., Esq.				1	0	0
Hill, J. D. Hay, Esq.				3	3	0
Hill, L., Esq.				0	10	6
Hills & Underwood, Messrs.	2	2	0			
Hincks, Mrs.	2	0	0			
Hoare, H. G., Esq.				3	3	0
Hoare, H. N., Esq.				5	0	0
Hoare, H. N., Esq. (special)	5	5	0			
Hoare, H. W., Esq.				2	2	0
Hoare, Miss F. A.	2	2	0			
Hobhouse, Miss E.	1	1	0			
Hobhouse, Sir Arthur, Q.C. (special)	10	0	0			
Hodgson, J. Stewart, Esq.	10	0	0			
Holland, Edmund, Esq.	5	5	0			
Holland, Miss C.				1	1	0
Holland, Mrs. Edmund	5	0	0			
Holland, Sir H. T., Bart., M.P.	25	0	0			
Holland, Sir H. T., Bart., M.P.				2	0	0
Holland, E. W., Esq.	10	0	0			
Holland, J. R., Esq.				10	0	0
Holland, J. R., Esq. (special)	10	0	0			
Holland, Miss				3	0	0
Holland, Mrs. R.	10	0	0			
Holmes, A. E., Esq.				1	1	0
Holmes, T., Esq.				1	1	0
Hood, Cowbarn, Col. J.	2	10	0			
Hooton & Yates, Messrs.				1	1	0
Hornby, E. G. S., Esq.	1	0	0			
Horndean, P., Esq.	1	2	6			
Hough, E. J., Esq.	5	0	0			
Houghton, M.P., Esq.,	3	3	0			
Houstoun, G. L., Esq.				1	1	0
Hubbard, W. E., Esq.				10	0	0
Hubbock, E., Esq.				1	1	0
Hughes, P., Esq.				1	0	0
Hughes, T., Esq.	1	1	0			
Hughes, T., Esq., Q.C.				1	1	0
Hunt, Mrs. C.	3	0	0			
Hunter, Lieut.-Col. C.	1	0	0			
Hutchins, A. R., Esq.				0	5	0
Ingilby, Sir H. D., Bart.				2	2	0
Ingram, Rev. H. M.				1	1	0
Ireland, J. C., Esq.,	3	0	0			
Isaac, Benjamin, Esq.	3	3	0			
Carried forward	1845	8	4	617	16	6

	Donations			Subscriptions		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward	1845	8	4	617	16	6
Jacob, Archdeacon				1	1	0
Jaffray & Co., Messrs. J. R.				1	1	0
James, W. H., Esq., M.P.				1	1	0
Jameson, C. E., Esq.	1	0	0			
Janson, F. H., Esq.	2	2	0			
Janverin, Mrs.	0	2	6			
Jardine, Mrs.				1	1	0
'J. B. S.'				5	0	0
J. C. D. B.	5	0	0			
Jebb, Miss S. M.	1	0	0			
Jeffray, Mrs.	1	0	0			
Jeffreys, A. F., Esq.	1	0	0			
Jenkyns, H., Esq.	5	0	0			
Jenner, Lady				1	1	0
Jevons, Professor W. Stanley	3	0	0			
Johnson, George, Esq., M.D.				2	2	0
Johnson, S. H., Esq.	1	1	0			
Johnston, A., Esq.				10	0	0
Johnston, A., Esq. (special)	5	0	0			
Johnston, Duncan A., Esq.	1	10	0			
Johnston, Thomas, Esq.	1	1	0			
Jones, Edwin, Esq.	1	1	0			
Jones, G., Esq.				1	1	0
Joseph, N. S., Esq.				1	1	0
'J. S.'	1	0	0			
'K., Serjeants' Inn' (per John Macgregor, Esq.)	100	0	0			
Kay-Shuttleworth, Sir U. J., Bart., M.P.				5	5	0
Keating, Rt. Hon. Sir H. S.	10	0	0			
Kelly, F., Esq.	3	3	0			
Kemble, T., Esq.	1	0	0			
Kent & Co., Messrs.				5	0	0
Kent, G. B., Esq.	5	0	0			
Kenyon, Hon. and Rev.				1	1	0
Keyser, Mrs.				1	1	0
Kimber, H., Esq.				5	5	0
Kirk, R. R., Esq.				1	1	0
Kirton, Rev. C.				1	1	0
K. K.	2	0	0			
Kneeshaw, Miss J. H.	1	0	0			
Knyvett, H. J., Esq.				1	1	0
Konarak, Mrs.	10	0	0			
Lambert, Alan, Esq.				2	2	0
Lamont, J., Esq.				1	1	0
Lang, Col. J.				2	0	0
Lang, Rev. J. H.				1	1	0
Latham, Mrs. F.	5	0	0			
Law, R., Esq.				2	2	0
Carried over	2012	8	10	671	6	6

	Donations			Subscriptions		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought over	2012	8	10	671	6	6
Law, The Hon. H. S.	2	0	0			
Lawley, Lady				2	0	0
Lawrence, Capt. W. H.	5	0	0			
Lawrence, Hon. J. H.				2	2	0
Lawrence, W. F., Esq.				1	1	0
Lawrence, W. F., Esq. (special)	5	0	0			
Lawrence, W. F., Esq. (special)	5	0	0			
Lawton, Mrs. A. J. (1877)				2	2	0
Ditto (1878)				2	2	0
'L. C. T.'	10	0	0			
Leaf, Sons, & Co., Messrs.				5	5	0
Le Bas, Rev. H. V.				3	3	0
Lechmere, Lady				1	1	0
Lechmere, Sir E. A. H., Bart., M.P.				1	1	0
Leeds, The Duchess of				5	0	0
Legge, Lieut.-Col. E. H.				1	1	0
Leicester, The Earl of, K.G.				10	0	0
Leigh, Miss E. C. Austen	2	0	0			
Leigh, Miss M. A. A.	1	0	0			
Letchworth, Miss				1	0	0
Letchworth, T., Esq.	1	1	0			
Litchfield, R. B., Esq.				3	0	0
Lincoln, the Dean of	5	0	0			
Lloyd, Dr.	1	0	0			
Loch, G., Esq. (1877)				1	1	0
Ditto (1878)				1	1	0
Loebl & Co., Messrs. J. & S.				1	1	0
Londesborough, Right Hon. Lord (1878-9)				5	0	0
London Knot Friendly Brothers of St. Patrick (per Capt. Philips)	10	10	0			
Long, Capt., R.A.	10	0	0			
Long, the Hon. Mrs.	5	0	0			
Longley, H., Esq.				1	0	0
Longstaff, Lieut.-Col.	21	0	0			
Lowe, Miss Alice	1	1	0			
Loyd, W. Jones, Esq.	25	0	0			
Loyd, W. Jones, Esq.				10	0	0
Lucas, O., Esq.	5	5	0			
Luck, E. T., Esq.				2	2	0
Lumley, Mrs. S.				1	0	0
Lush, Miss L. (1877)				0	5	0
Lush, Miss L. (1878)				0	5	0
Lyall, Rev. W. H.				1	1	0
Lyall, Rev. W. H. (special)	5	5	0			
Lyell, Mrs. K. M.				1	1	0
Lyell, Miss R. F. A.				1	0	0
Lyon, the Misses	5	0	0			
Lyttelton, Lord				1	1	0
Mackintosh, C. H., Esq.				1	1	0
Carried forward	2137	10	10	739	3	6

	Donations			Subscriptions		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward	2137	10	10	739	3	6
Mackonochie, Rev. A. H.	1	1	0			
Macmillan, F., Esq.				1	1	0
Maginnis, Rev. D.	0	5	0			
Maitland, A. C., Esq.	1	0	0			
Majoribanks, Sir Dudley C., Bart.	50	0	0			
Makgill, G., Esq.	3	0	0			
Malcolm, Hon. Mrs.				1	0	0
Malcolm, W. E., Esq.	1	0	0			
Mallet, Rev. H. F.				1	1	0
Mallet, Rev. H. F. (special)	5	0	0			
Mallet, Sir Louis, C.B.	5	0	0			
Markby, A., Esq.	10	0	0			
Marlborough, Jane, Duchess of	1	1	0			
Martineau, Rev. J.				1	1	0
Martineau, Miss L.	10	0	0			
Marylebone, St., Committee (special)	50	0	0			
Mason, J., Esq.	10	0	0			
Maurice, C. E., Esq.				1	1	0
Maxse, Rear-Admiral				1	1	0
Mayer, S. R. T., Esq.				1	1	0
Mayne, Capt. R. C.				1	1	0
McCleane, Miss				5	5	0
McCleane, Mrs. F.				2	2	0
McCulloch & Co., Messrs.				10	10	0
McGrouther, Mrs.				1	1	0
McNabb, Mrs.	1	0	0			
Melvil, R. W., Esq.	10	0	0			
Melville, Lady Harriet				2	0	0
Methuen, Mr. and Mrs.				1	1	0
Michell, Miss	2	0	0			
Michell, Rev. T. H.	2	0	0			
Middleton, Rev. W. S.	1	1	0			
Mildmay, H. B., Esq.	25	0	0			
Mildmay, H. B., Esq.	25	0	0			
Mill, F., Esq.	0	5	0			
Miller, Messrs. & Sons				1	1	0
Milman, Major-Gen. Bryan, C.B.				5	0	0
Milman, Rev. W. H.				1	1	0
Mitchell, A. C., Esq.				2	0	0
Mitchell, A. C., Esq.	2	2	0			
Mitchell, A. C., Esq.	1	0	0			
Mitchell, C. T., Esq.				2	2	0
Mocatta, F. D., Esq.	100	0	0			
Molyneux, Miss				1	1	0
Montagu, Samuel, Esq.	10	10	0			
Montgomerie, F., Esq.				5	0	0
Moody, Mrs.				1	1	0
Moore, Rev. G. B.	5	0	0			
Moore, W. W., Esq.	2	0	0			
Moorsom, C. R., Esq.				5	0	0
Carried over	2471	15	10	792	15	6

	Donations			Subscriptions		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought over	2471	15	10	792	15	6
Morgan, J. S., Esq.	25	0	0			
Morley, S., Esq., M.P.				5	5	0
Morrieson, Col. R.	20	0	0			
Morrison, W., Esq.				1	0	0
Morrison, W., Esq.	10	0	0			
Morse, Miss				1	0	0
Morton, Miss	1	0	0			
Muir, A., Esq.				2	2	0
Muir, H. B., Esq.				1	1	0
Mulholland, H. L., Esq.				5	0	0
Munro, Cecil, Esq.	5	5	0			
Munro, Miss I. J.	3	3	0			
Munt, Brown, & Co., Messrs.				1	1	0
Murdoch, H. H., Esq.				2	2	0
Murrieta & Co., Messrs. C. De				2	2	0
Myers, F. W. H., Esq. (special)	10	0	0			
Napier, Miss E.	1	0	0			
Neale, H. J. V., Esq.				1	1	0
Newdigate, A. L., Esq.	5	0	0			
Nicholson, Miss A. M.	0	5	0			
Nickalls, Tom, Esq.	5	0	0			
Noble, John, Esq.				5	0	0
Noel, A. L.				2	2	0
Norman, C. L., Esq.	5	0	0			
Northumberland, Duke of				12	10	0
Northumberland, Duke of (special)	25	0	0			
Nottidge, Miss				0	5	0
Northampton, Marquis of	15	0	0			
Norwich, the Bishop of	5	0	0			
Oakes, A., Esq. (per J. Hornsby Wright, Esq.)				1	1	0
Ogle, Dr.				0	10	0
Oldfield, Edmund, Esq.	5	0	0			
Onslow, The Earl				3	3	0
Ormerod, Hanson, Esq.	1	0	0			
Overstone, The Lord	50	0	0			
Owen, Rev. J. A.	5	0	0			
'P——, Miss'				1	0	0
Paget, J., Esq.	1	1	0			
Paget, Miss A.				2	2	0
Palmer, Miss				1	1	0
Palmer, Mrs., sen.	5	0	0			
Parker, C. S., Esq.	2	2	0			
Parker, R., Esq.				5	0	0
Parr, Thos. P., Esq.				1	0	0
Payne, Mrs.	1	1	0			
Payne, W., Esq.				0	10	0
Peacocke, Major-Gen.	5	0	0			
Carried forward.	2682	12	10	849	13	6

	Donations			Subscriptions		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward	2682	12	10	849	13	6
Pedler, G. S., Esq.				0	10	0
Peel, Mrs.	1	0	0			
Pelham, Lady H. J.				1	0	0
Pell, A., Esq., M.P.				2	2	0
Pembroke, Earl of	50	0	0			
Penzance, Lady				2	0	0
Penzance, Lord and Lady	5	0	0			
Pepys, E., Esq.	50	0	0			
Percy, Lord A. M. A.	5	0	0			
Petavel, Rev. E., D.D.				1	1	0
Peters, F. H., Esq.	2	10	0			
Peto, H., Esq.,	2	2	0			
Peto, H., Esq.				1	0	0
Phillips, Miss				10	0	0
Phillips, T. Spencer, Esq.				1	1	0
Pinckney, Rev. W. J.				1	1	0
Pitman, Henry, Esq. (1877)				0	10	6
Ditto (1878)				0	10	6
Pollard, Surgeon-Major				2	2	0
Pollock, F. Esq.	1	1	0			
Pollock, G. F., Esq.	5	5	0			
Popham, F. L., Esq.	10	0	0			
Porter, Capt. H. R.				1	1	0
P. P. O.	4	0	0			
Praed, H. B., Esq., M.P.				2	2	0
Praed, H. B., Esq., M.P. (special)	5	0	0			
Praed, W. M., Esq.				5	5	0
Preedy, J. K., Esq.				1	1	0
Prendergast, Lieut.-Col. (special)	5	0	0			
Prendergast, Mrs. G. L.	4	0	0			
Prescott & Co., Messrs.	10	10	0			
Price, F. W., Esq.				2	2	0
Price, Miss E. A.				1	0	0
Price, Sir A. Ruggie, Bt.	10	10	0			
Price, William C., Esq.	3	0	0			
Prince, John, Esq.				2	2	0
Prince, Miss M. A. C.	1	0	0			
Prince, Mrs. M.	5	0	0			
Prowse, G. T. W., Esq.	10	0	0			
Puzey, Frederick, Esq.				1	11	6
Quick, Rev. R. H.				2	2	0
R.A.	2	0	0			
Rathbone, W., Esq., M.P.				2	0	0
Rawlinson, Mrs.	0	10	0			
Reiss, Mrs.	25	0	0			
Renaud, Rev. G.				1	0	0
Ricardo, F., Esq.	5	5	0			
Richards, E., Esq.				2	2	0
Carried over	2905	5	10	896	0	0

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	Donations			Subscriptions		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought over	2905	5	10	898	0	0
Richardson, Miss				3	0	0
Richardson, R. H., Esq.				1	1	0
Riddell, Sir W. B., Bart.	3	0	0			
Riddell, Sir Walter, Bart.	3	0	0			
Rivington, F., Esq.	5	0	0			
'R. L. H.'				2	2	0
R. M. B.	5	0	0			
Robbins, L. G. G., Esq.	3	0	0			
Robbins, L. G. G., Esq. (special)	5	0	0			
Robertson, J. Nisbett, Esq.	50	0	0			
Robinson, Sir John (the late).				2	2	0
Robson, H. Esq.				10	0	0
Rogers, H., Esq.				10	10	0
Rogers, H., Esq.	5	0	0			
Rogers, Henry, Esq.				3	3	0
Rollings, Mrs. C.	5	0	0			
Romilly, Lord	5	0	0			
Rooper, Mrs.	1	0	0			
Rooper, T. Godolphin, Esq.	5	0	0			
Rooper, T. Godolphin, Esq.	5	0	0			
Rosenbaum, M., Esq.				1	1	0
Rothschild, Baroness Lionel de	10	0	0			
Routh, W. Dehague, Esq.				5	0	0
Rowley, Sir Charles, Bart.	2	2	0			
Royal Engineers' Mess, Aldershot, per Capt. Jones	1	2	6			
Ruck, G. T., Esq.	20	0	0			
Rushton, Mrs.				1	1	0
Rust, C. F. W., Esq.				1	1	0
Ryland, Miss	10	0	0			
Sabel, Messrs. Ernest & P.				2	0	0
Salters' Company, The				2	2	0
Samuel, C., Esq.				1	1	0
Sancton, P., Esq.	5	0	0			
Sandbach, W. R., Esq.	30	0	0			
Sandeman, G. G., Esq.				5	5	0
Santley, C., Esq.	20	0	0			
Sargood, A., Esq.				1	1	0
Saunders, G. M., Esq.				1	1	0
Scarlett, Hon. P. Campbell, C.B.	1	1	0			
Sclater, P. L., Esq.				1	1	0
Scott, Major-Gen. E. W.	2	0	0			
Scott, Miss E. M.	5	0	0			
Scott, Mrs.				1	0	0
Scott, Mrs. A.				2	2	0
Scott, Russell, Esq.	20	0	0			
Scott, Septimus, Esq.				10	0	0
Sebag, J., Esq.				1	1	0
Selincourt & Colman				1	1	0
Carried forward	3181	11	4	984	16	0

	Donations			Subscriptions		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward	3181	11	4	984	16	0
Selkirk, The Earl of	10	0	0			
Seymour, Lady A.	2	2	0			
Shadwell, Miss B.				1	0	0
Shakerley, Dowager Lady	5	0	0			
Sharp, J. C., Esq.				2	2	0
Shawe, Miss E.	1	1	0			
Shawe, Miss E.	0	5	0			
Shearer, B. P., Esq.	5	0	0			
Sherwood, J., Esq.	5	5	0			
Shirreff, Miss E. A. E.				1	1	0
Short, Rev. Ambrose	1	1	0			
Shrimpton, Dr. Charles				5	0	0
Sidgwick, E., Esq.				5	5	0
Sidgwick, Mrs.	5	0	0			
Simons, H. M., Esq.				1	1	0
Simmons, Mrs.				1	1	0
Singer, C. Douglas, Esq.				1	1	0
Singleton, Miss Caroline				1	1	0
Skinner, Holt, Esq.				2	2	0
Skrine, H. D., Esq.				1	1	0
Sligo, Marquis of				5	0	0
Smalpage & Son, Messrs.	2	2	0			
Smith, C. Lavers, Esq. (special)	2	2	0			
Smith, Col. R. E.				2	2	0
Smith, D. R., Esq.				2	2	0
Smith, Fleming, & Co., Messrs.				2	2	0
Smith, Heathfield, Esq.				2	2	0
Smith, Henry, Esq.	0	2	6			
Smith, J. Denham, Esq.				10	10	0
Smith, P. H. Pye, Esq., M.D.				1	1	0
Smith, Philip, Esq.	10	0	0			
Smith, Sir C. C., Bart.				2	2	0
Smith, W., Esq.	5	0	0			
Smith, W. J., Esq.				1	1	0
Snow, Mrs. E. N.	1	0	0			
Soames, W. A., Esq.				2	2	0
Société Belge de Bienfaisance	5	5	0			
Society for the Discharge and Relief of Persons Imprisoned for Small Debts	158	0	0			
Somervell, R., Esq.	1	0	0			
Spottiswoode, W., Esq.				1	1	0
Spring Rice, Hon. Mrs.	1	0	0			
Stanhope, Genl. P. S.				5	0	0
St. George's (Hanover Square) Committee	30	0	0			
St. George's (Hanover Square) Committee	100	0	0			
St. George's (Hanover Square) Committee	100	0	0			
St. George's (Hanover Square) Committee	200	0	0			
Stanhope, J. B., Esq.				10	0	0
Stanhope, Mrs. W. S.				1	1	0
Stanhope, W. S., Esq., M.P.				1	1	0
Carried over	3781	16	10	11034	18	0

	Donations			Subscriptions		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought over	3781	16	10	1034	18	0
Startin, James, Esq.				1	1	0
St. Paul's, The Dean of				3	0	0
Stephenson, Mrs. E.				1	1	0
Stephenson, Sir R. M.				3	3	0
Stephenson, Sir R. M.	5	5	0			
Stevens, C. J., Esq. (special)	1	0	0			
Stevenson, Miss H. Ballard				5	5	0
Steward, Capt.				3	0	0
Stewart, Dr. A. P.				1	1	0
Stirling, Sir Walter, Bart.				1	1	0
Stone, E. M., Esq.				2	2	0
Strutt, Hon. C. H.	5	0	0			
Sutton, Sir R., Bart.				2	0	0
Sykes, Rev. W.	1	0	0			
Talbot, J. G., Esq., M.P.	3	0	0			
'T. B.'	0	10	0			
Tamplin, Mrs.	2	2	0			
Tapling, Messrs. T. & Co.				2	2	0
Tarleton, Miss (for St. George's Committee)	2	0	0			
Tarratt, Joseph, Esq.				2	2	0
Tatton, R. G., Esq.				10	0	0
Tayleur, Miss M. E.	5	0	0			
Taylor, L., Esq.				1	1	0
Tebb, W., Esq.				1	1	0
Thomas, Miss Clara	1	0	0			
Thomas, Mrs.				3	3	0
Thompson, J. R. W., Esq.				0	10	6
Thornton, E., Esq.				2	2	0
Threlfall, Charles, Esq.	2	2	0			
Tilleard, Mrs. Eleanor	2	0	0			
Tinker, J., Esq.				2	2	0
'T. J. M.'	3	3	0			
Todd, B. H., Esq.				1	1	0
Todd, R. J. S., Esq.	1	0	0			
Tomline, Hon. Mrs. W.	5	0	0			
Tomlinson, W. E. N., Esq.	10	10	0			
Tomkinson, H. R., Esq.				5	0	0
Tomkinson, Mrs.	10	0	0			
Trevelyan, A., Esq.				1	0	0
Trevelyan, Lady	5	0	0			
Trevelyan, Rev. W. P.	1	1	0			
Trevelyan, Rev. W. P.				1	1	0
Trevelyan, Rev. W. P.	5	0	0			
Trevelyan, Sir W. C., Bt.				1	10	0
Trevelyan, Sir W. C.	10	0	0			
Trevelyan, Sir C., Bart., K.C.B. (special)	20	0	0			
Trevelyan, Sir C., Bart., K.C.B. (special)	5	0	0			
Trevelyan, Sir C., Bart., K.C.B. (special)	100	0	0			
Carried forward	3987	9	10	1091	7	6

	Donations			Subscriptions		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward	3987	9	10	1091	7	6
Trewby, G. C., Esq.	8	3	0			
Trollope, T. A., Esq.	10	0	0			
Trollope, Mrs. T. A.	2	0	0			
Trower, H. Seymour, Esq.	10	0	0			
Truman, Hanbury, & Buxton, Messrs.	50	0	0			
Tucker, O. C., Esq.	2	0	0			
Tufnell, E. C., Esq.				1	0	0
Tulloch, Conrad, Esq.	1	1	0			
Turbervill, Lieut.-Col.				5	0	0
Turner, Mrs.	100	0	0			
Turner, Mrs. T.	3	0	0			
Turner, T., Esq.				2	0	0
Unwin, Major-General R.	1	0	0			
V., Mrs., per H. A. S.	1	0	0			
Vaizey, J. S., Esq.				1	1	0
Venables, Mrs. Rowland J.				2	2	0
Vivian, E., Esq.	5	0	0			
Valbry, Madame				1	1	0
Valpy, R., Esq.				2	2	0
Vansittart, G. H., Esq.	5	0	0			
Vaughan, H., Esq.				10	0	0
Vulliamy, F., Esq.	1	1	0			
Vulliamy, F., Esq.				1	1	0
Vyvyan, T. G., Esq. (1879)				5	5	0
				2	2	0
Walker, Col. W. L.						
Walker, J. L., Esq.	5	0	0			
Walker, W. N., Esq.	25	0	0			
Wakefield, The Misses				2	2	0
Wall, Rev. W. A.				1	0	0
Wallinger, Rev. W.	5	0	0			
Walton, Miss F. J.	5	0	0			
Ward, Miss H. M.				1	0	0
Warrington, Miss E.				1	1	0
Warner, Miss A. L.	0	10	0			
Warner, T., Esq.	5	0	0			
Watkins, Z., Esq.	1	1	0			
Watson, A. G., Esq.				5	0	0
Watson, Sir Thomas, Bart., M.D.	5	0	0			
Weatherby, C., Esq.	10	0	0			
Webster, Hoare, & Co., Messrs.				1	1	0
Wedgwood, H. A., Esq.	5	0	0			
Wedgwood, H., Esq.	10	0	0			
Wells & Perry, Messrs.				1	1	0
Wells, W., Esq.				5	0	0
Carried over	4258	5	10	1141	6	6

	Donations			Subscriptions		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought over	4258	5	10	1141	6	6
Wenlock, Lord				*2	2	0
Westminster, the Duke of, K.G. (special)	100	0	0			
Wethered, Mrs. R. P.				2	2	0
W. H.	5	0	0			
Whately, A. P., Esq.				5	5	0
Wharnccliffe, The Earl of	5	0	0			
Whish, Admiral	1	1	0			
Whitear, Miss				1	0	0
Whitaker, T. S., Esq. (1879).				3	3	0
Whitcombe, John, Esq.	5	0	0			
White, A. H., Esq., of Caylon (per Miss Price)	2	0	0			
White, Lieut.-Gen. Sir H. Dalrymple, K.C.B.	10	0	0			
White, Rev. L. B.				1	1	0
White, W., Esq.				1	10	0
Whiteley, Miss	1	0	0			
Wilbraham, Gen. Sir R., K.C.B.				1	1	0
Whichcote, Rev. C.	1	0	0			
Wigram, J. R., Esq.				2	0	0
Wilde, Mrs. C. N.	5	5	0			
Wilder, Mrs. H.	5	0	0			
Williams, A., Esq.	2	0	0			
Williams, Mrs. M.	2	2	0			
Williams, M. S. Vaughan, Esq.	3	0	0			
Williamson, Mrs. R.	0	10	6			
Willink, W. W., Esq.				5	0	0
Wills, M., Esq.				5	0	0
Willis & Sons, Messrs.	2	2	0			
Wilson, G. F., Esq.	5	0	0			
Wilson, Mrs.				1	1	0
Winchester, Dean of				1	1	0
Winter, W. E., Esq.				1	1	0
Winton, Miss de	5	0	0			
Withington, Miss E. M.	0	5	0			
W. M. C.	5	0	0			
Wodehouse, Mrs. P.				0	10	0
Wolstenholme, E. P., Esq.	5	0	0			
Woodd, T. Basil, Esq., M.P.				2	2	0
Woodcock, T. Parry, Esq.				1	0	0
Woolley, J., Esq.	0	2	6			
Wootton, J. C., Esq.				1	1	0
Worsfold, Hayward, & Co., Messrs.				1	1	0
Wormald, J. Esq.	5	0	0			
Wright, E., Esq.	1	1	0			
Wright, E., Esq.				1	1	0
Wright, J. Hornsby, Esq.				1	1	0
Wyndham, Hon. P., M.P.	5	0	0			
Wynn, C. W. W., Esq., M.P.				1	1	0
Carried forward	4439	14	10	1182	10	6

* This contribution was subsequently transferred to the St. George's (H. S.) Committee.

	Donations			Subscriptions		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward	4439	14	10	1182	10	6
Wynyard, W., Esq.				1	1	0
Yard, Major				1	1	0
Yool, G. V., Esq.	5	0	0			
Young, J., Esq.				1	1	0
	£4444	14	10	1185	13	6

Total of Donations and Subscriptions from all
sources, as per Balance Sheet of General
Fund (see p. 78) **£5630 8 4**

Checked C. H. ARCHIBALD, } Hon. Auditors.
5th March 1879. A. R. BARRETT, }

LIST OF CONTRIBUTIONS

FOR

SPECIAL CASES

Received by the Council from January 1 to December 31, 1878.

	£	s.	d.
'A Friend'	5	0	0
Anderdon, Mrs.	5	0	0
Admiralty, the Lords Commissioners of the	15	0	0
Admiralty, The Lords Commissioners of the	6	8	2
Admiralty, The Lords Commissioners of the	25	0	0
Barton, Miss	5	0	0
Bosanquet, F. A., Esq.	5	0	0
Courtenay, Miss	1	6	6
Dowson, Miss	1	1	0
Gibbins, Miss	10	0	0
Peek, F., Esq.	10	0	0
Richmond, Duchess of	10	0	0
Richmond, Duchess of	10	0	0
Rosebery, Countess, per the St. George's Committee	3	0	0
Rosebery, Countess, per the St. George's Committee	3	0	0
S. S.	20	0	0
Tarratt, J., Esq.	10	0	0

Total as per Balance Sheet of General Fund (page 78) **£144 15 8**

Checked C. H. ARCHIBALD, } Hon. Auditors.
5th March 1879. A. R. BARRETT, }

FOR

RELIEF ONLY

Received by the Council from January 1 to December 31, 1878.

	£	s.	d.
Alexander, Mrs.	20	0	0
Alexander, Miss A.	10	0	0
Alexander, Miss C. S.	10	0	0
Argles, Rev. Canon	5	0	0
Brand, H. R., Esq.	5	0	0
Causton, Rev. C.	5	0	0
Crosse, T. Warren, Esq.	20	0	0
F. H. M.	10	0	0
Hargreaves, Mrs. E.	2	0	0
Hoggan, Dr. F. E.	5	0	0
Matthews, Capt. G.	5	0	0
Meara, H. G. J., Esq.	1	0	0
Middleton, W. J., Esq.	1	0	0
Mowbray, R., Esq.	5	0	0
M. P.	5	0	0
Overstone, Rt. Hon. the Lord	100	0	0
Ramsden, Miss	3	0	0
Truman, Hanbury, & Buxton, Messrs.	50	0	0
Venables, E. A., Esq.	5	0	0
Wayte, Rev. W.	5	0	0
West, A., Esq.	20	0	0
X. Y. Z.	5	0	0

Total as per Balance Sheet of General Fund (page 78) £297 0 0

5th March 1879. Checked

C. H. ARCHIBALD, } *Hon. Auditors.*
A. R. BARRETT, }

LIST OF CONTRIBUTIONS

TO THE

DISTRICT COMMITTEE AID FUND

Received by the Council from January 1 to December 31, 1878.

	Donations			Subscriptions		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
'An Approver'	1	0	0			
Anonymous (for convalescent cases only)	25	0	0			
Argles, C. D., Esq.	5	0	0			
Arkwright, Miss	5	0	0			
Ball, John, Esq.	2	2	0			
Blane, D. A., Esq.	5	5	0			
Brown, Douglas, Esq., Q.C.				1	1	0
Clapham Committee, The	10	1	6			
C. H. S.	5	0	0			
C. J. C.	5	0	0			
Chaplin, Lady F.	10	0	0			
Copeman, Thomas, Esq.				3	0	0
Crowder, Mrs. S.	1	1	0			
Darwin, W. E., Esq.	2	2	0			
Daahwood, Miss	8	8	0			
Denison, A., Esq.	10	0	0			
Denison, Miss L.	1	0	0			
Digby, A., Esq.	2	0	0			
Domville, W. H., Esq.				1	0	0
D'Oyly, Miss	5	0	0			
Douglas, Miss Scott	4	0	0			
Douglas, Miss Scott	5	0	0			
'E. W.'	30	0	0			
'F. C. M.'	10	0	0			
Fuller, S., Esq.				5	0	0
General Fund, Grant from	1203	8	7			
Gray, G. M., Esq.	5	0	0			
Grosvenor, Hon. Victoria	5	0	0			
Gurney, Miss H.	1	1	0			
Hamblin, E., Esq.	2	2	0			
Hampstead Committee, The	10	0	0			
H. E. (per Roberts & Co.)	50	0	0			
Herne, Rev. H. F. H. Burchell	3	3	0	2	2	0
Holford, R. S. Esq.				5	5	0
Holland, F., Esq.	10	0	0			
Holland, J. R., Esq.	20	0	0			
Higgins, Clement, Esq.	1	1	0			
Innes, Mrs.	2	2	0			
Jackson, G. H., Esq.				2	2	0
'J. H. C. W.'	2	2	0			
'J. J.' (per C. L. Lewes Esq.)	10	0	0			
Kensington Committee, The	50	0	0			
Kensington Committee, The	15	0	0			
Carried over	1541	19	1	19	10	0

	Donations			Subscriptions		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought over	1541	19	1	19	10	0
Legge, Hon. Mrs.	5	0	0			
Lewisham Committee (amount collected in the Eltham District)	2	15	0			
Litchfield, R. B., Esq.	3	0	0			
Long, A. H. M., Esq.				1	6	6
Lloyd, Dr.	1	0	0			
Loyd, W. Jones, Esq.	25	0	0			
Markby, A., Esq.	10	0	0			
Mitchell, A. C., Esq.	4	0	0			
Mitchell, A. C., Esq.				3	0	0
Mitchell, W. R., Esq.				5	0	0
Nettlefold, Mrs.	1	1	0			
Northampton, Marquis of	15	0	0			
Northumberland, The Duke of				12	10	0
Peek, Francis, Esq.	250	0	0			
Peek, Francis, Esq. (10th instalment of £3,000)	250	0	0			
Peek, Francis, Esq. (11th instalment of £3,000)	250	0	0			
Peek, F., Esq. (12th and final instalment of £3,000)	250	0	0			
Pomeroy, Hon. Miss	5	0	0			
Robson, Henry, Esq.	5	0	0			
Rokeby, Lord, G.C.B.	10	0	0			
Scott, The Hon. H. R.	5	0	0			
Seager, C. H., Esq.	5	0	0			
Singleton, H. S., Esq.	5	0	0			
Thames Police Court Poor-box (per A. de Rutzen, Esq.), for distribution among the District Committees within the Thames Police Court District	40	0	0			
R. V. Tidman, Esq., and Rev. R. Rhodes Bristow, executors of the late Miss E. A. Tidman	50	0	0			
'T. J. M.'	3	3	0			
Tomkinson, Mrs.	10	0	0			
'T. W. G.'	5	0	0			
Virtue, N. H., Esq.	5	5	0			
Wakefield, The Misses	30	0	0			
Watson, Mrs. W. L.	0	10	0			
Webster, R. E., Esq.,	5	5	0			
Wilde, C. N., Esq.	5	5	0			
Woodcock, T. Parry, Esq.				1	0	0
Wood, W. Wightman, Esq.				2	2	0
'W. R.'	25	0	0			
Wright, Edward, Esq.	2	2	0			
Wynne, Miss F.	5	0	0			
Yorke, Miss H.	10	0	0			
	£2840	5	1	44	8	6

Total of Donations and Subscriptions from all sources, as per Balance Sheet of the District Committee Aid Fund (see p. 80) **£2884 13 7**

Checked C. H. ARCHIBALD, } Hon. Auditors.
5th March 1879. A. R. BARRETT, }

LIST OF CONTRIBUTIONS

TO THE

PROVIDENT DISPENSARIES EXTENSION FUND

Received by the Council from January 1 to December 31, 1878.

	Donations			Subscriptions		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Aberdare, Lord	5	5	0			
Alcock, Sir Rutherford, K.C.B.	2	2	0			
Baker, Sir George, Bart.	5	0	0			
Bousfield, W., Esq.	2	2	0			
Buxton, Sidney C., Esq.	3	3	0			
Buxton, Sir T. Fowell, Bart.	20	0	0			
Calvert, Frederick, Esq., Q.C.	2	2	0			
Capel, Hon. R.	2	2	0			
Copeman, T., Esq.	2	0	0			
Crowder, A. G., Esq.				2	2	0
Douglas, Miss Scott	1	0	0			
Fortescue, Capt.				1	1	0
Fuller, S., Esq.	5	0	0			
Grosvenor, Hon. R. C.	5	0	0			
Gull, Sir W., Bart., M.D.	10	0	0			
Harcourt, Colonel	2	2	0			
Hawksley, Dr.	2	2	0			
Hicks, G. M., Esq.	25	0	0			
Hills, T. H., Esq.	5	5	0			
Hogg, Jabez, Esq.	5	0	0			
Holmes, A. E., Esq.	2	2	0			
Holmes, Timothy, Esq.	5	0	0			
Litchfield, R. B., Esq.	1	0	0			
Loyd, W. Jones, Esq.	25	0	0			
Malcolm, Hon. Mrs.	2	0	0			
Meadows, Dr. A.	2	2	0			
Mocatta, F. D., Esq.	5	5	0			
Noble, John, Esq.	5	0	0			
Probyn, J. W., Esq.	1	1	0			
Proceeds of the sale of Papers on 'Metropolitan Medical Relief'	0	18	9			
Rivington, F., Esq.	10	0	0			
Robbins, L. G. G., Esq.	2	0	0			
Rogers, Henry, Esq.	5	5	0			
Rogers, N., Esq.	1	0	0			
Scott, Russell, Esq.	5	0	0			
Shaen, Mrs. C.	5	5	0			
Somervell, R., Esq.	1	0	0			
Carried forward	£183	3	9	3	3	0

Total of Donations and Subscriptions from all sources, as per Balance Sheet of the Provident Dispensaries Extension Fund (page 82) £252 10 9

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FORM OF BEQUEST

TO THE

SOCIETY FOR ORGANISING CHARITABLE RELIEF AND REPRESSING MENDICITY
(OR CHARITY ORGANISATION SOCIETY).

77

I give to the Treasurer for the time being of the Society for Organising Charitable Relief and Repressing Mendicity in London the sum of [the amount to be expressed in words at length], to be applied towards the general purposes of the Society; and I direct that the said sum be paid, free of legacy duty, out of such part of my personal estate as I may lawfully bequeath to charitable purposes; and that the receipt of such Treasurer shall be a sufficient discharge to my Executors.

GENERAL

Dr.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure from

1878.		RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Balances, December 31, 1877 :—								
At Bank (Coutts & Co.), after deducting £76, amount of		cheque not presented	76	6	2			
In hand			30	0	6			
							106	6 8
Contributions from District Committees :—			£	s.	d.			
St. George's (Hanover Square)		Donations	480	0	0			
St. Marylebone		Do.	50	0	0			
						480	0	0
Amount refunded by the City Committee						94	17	0
Donations						3,864	17	10
Subscriptions						1,190	13	6
Total of Donations and Subscriptions from all sources, as per		List (page 71)				5,630	8	4
Contributions for Special cases, as per List (page 71)						144	15	8
Contributions for Relief only, as per List (page 72)						297	0	0
Sale of Office Books, Papers, &c.						28	0	2
Sale of <i>Charity Organisation</i> [Reporter]						122	12	2
Examined and found correct,								
C. H. ARCHIBALD, } <i>Hon. Auditors.</i>								
A. B. BARRETT, }								
5th March 1879.								
						£4,329	3	0

FUND.

January 1, 1878, to December 31, 1878.

Cr.

1878.	EXPENDITURE.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By Office Fixtures, Furniture, &c.		58	16	0			
Rent (four quarters of 1878)		250	0	0			
Coals, Gas, &c.		15	10	1			
Stationery		59	4	5			
Printing		199	6	9			
Advertising, Bill-posting, &c.		133	13	3			
Newspapers, Books, &c.		55	7	0			
Printing <i>Charity Organisation Reporter</i> , and distribution		370	4	1			
Postage		131	6	10			
Travelling expenses		24	11	7			
Salaries:—							
Secretary		337	10	0			
Organising Secretary (3½ months)		125	0	0			
Assistant Secretary (4½ months)		76	19	0			
					539	9	0
Accountant		183	15	0			
Chief Clerk, Inquiry Department		120	0	6			
First Inquiry Officer, Do.		150	0	0			
Second Do. Do.		91	0	0			
Clerk (38 weeks) Do.		47	10	0			
Clerk (5 weeks) Do.		6	13	4			
First Clerk, General Department		79	5	0			
Second Clerk Do.		54	7	0			
Shorthand Writer Do.		78	0	0			
Office Lad Do.		18	11	0			
Extra Clerking		61	5	1			
					890	6	11
Bonuses, Gratuities, &c.:—							
Late Organising Secretary		200	0	0			
First Inquiry Officer		5	0	0			
First Clerk		2	2	0			
Second Clerk		2	0	0			
					209	2	0
Collectors' Salary (19 weeks)		31	5	0			
Collectors' Commission		23	1	2			
Insurance		1	0	0			
Housekeeper		53	10	3			
Shorthand writers		10	10	0			
Hire of Public Rooms, Meetings, &c.		53	7	4			
Legal and other expenses connected with Prosecutions		5	15	6			
Inquiry Agencies' Fees		8	14	10			
Subscription to Institutions		4	4	0			
Incidental expenses, including Telegrams, Carriage of Parcels, &c.		13	7	5			
Interest on Loan		4	18	7			
					3,146	12	0
Repayment of Loan advanced in 1877 by Messrs. Coutts & Co.					500	0	0
Grants from General Fund to District Committee Aid Fund					1,203	8	7
Transfer to District Committees &c. of Donations and Subscriptions paid in error to the Council					19	4	0
Payments to the City Committee					335	0	0
Payments to Special Cases					131	5	8
Grants to District Committees for Relief only					44	0	0
Balances on December 31, 1878:—							
• At Bank (Coutts & Co.), after deducting £3. 1s., amount of cheques not presented		919	12	9			
In hand		30	0	0			
					949	12	9
* This Balance includes £25 0 0 reserved for Lectures, 253 0 0 reserved for Relief only, and 13 10 0 reserved for Special Cases.					£6,329	3	0

N.B.—The approximate amount of unpaid bills December 31, 1878, was £206.

DISTRICT COMMITTEE

Dr.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure

Receipts.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Balance at Bank (Countt & Co.) Dec. 31, 1877 .					150	5	7
„ Contributions by District Committees:—							
Kensington	65	0	0				
Hampstead	10	0	0				
Clapham	10	1	6				
Lewisham	2	15	0				
					87	16	6
„ Various Contributions (Donations and Subscriptions), including £1,000 from Mr. Francis Peek .					1,568	8	6
„ Anonymous Donation for Convalescent cases only .					25	0	0
„ Grants from General Fund of Council .					1,203	8	7
Total Receipts from all sources, as per List, page 74.					2,884	13	7

Examined and found correct.

C. H. ARCHIBALD, }
 A. R. BARRETT, } *Hon. Auditors.*

5th March 1879.

£3,084 19 2

AID FUND.

from January 1 to December 31, 1878.

CR.

District Committees	Grants for General Purposes	Repayment of Expenditure on School Board Cases	Grants for Convalescent Cases only	Total
EXPENDITURE.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
By Kensington . . .	...	...	...	...
" Fulham . . .	133 10 0	91 0 0	...	224 10 0
" Paddington . . .	...	...	...	...
" Chelsea . . .	...	13 0 8	...	13 0 8
" St. George's . . .	...	...	...	...
" Westminster (St. James') . . .	...	21 9 6	...	21 9 6
" St. Marylebone . . .	...	...	...	...
" Hampstead . . .	...	...	...	...
" North St. Pancras and Highgate . . .	45 0 0	17 4 5	3 3 0	65 7 5
" South St. Pancras . . .	...	150 17 8	6 9 6	157 7 2
" Islington . . .	85 0 0	73 14 10	...	158 14 10
" Hackney . . .	...	10 0 0	...	10 0 0
" St. Giles' & Bloomsbury . . .	...	16 6 6	...	16 6 6
" Strand . . .	22 0 0	10 0 4	...	32 0 4
" Holborn . . .	91 10 0	46 1 0	...	137 11 0
" City of London . . .	...	98 0 10	...	98 0 10
" Shoreditch . . .	118 0 0	73 6 0	...	191 6 0
" Bethnal Green . . .	135 0 0	32 16 0	2 0 0	169 16 0
" Whitechapel Union . . .	70 0 0	28 7 5	0 15 0	99 2 5
" St. George-in-the-East . . .	132 10 0	15 18 3	...	148 8 3
" Stepney Union . . .	192 0 0	2 15 10	2 0 0	196 15 10
" Mile End Old Town . . .	130 0 0	13 6 10	...	143 6 10
" Poplar Union . . .	197 0 0	39 14 8	...	236 14 8
" St. Saviour's, Southwark . . .	195 10 0	13 7 6	8 0 0	216 17 6
" Newington . . .	109 0 0	7 10 1	...	116 10 1
" St. Olave's, Southwark . . .	237 0 0	24 15 3	2 12 6	264 7 9
" Lambeth . . .	50 0 0	23 15 8	...	73 15 8
" Brixton . . .	...	3 2 0	...	3 2 0
" Wandsworth (& Putney) . . .	...	...	...	...
" Battersea . . .	...	22 12 9	...	22 12 9
" Clapham . . .	...	4 3 6	...	4 3 6
" Camberwell . . .	...	32 5 6	...	32 5 6
" Greenwich . . .	...	4 7 0	...	4 7 0
" Deptford . . .	...	10 8 5	...	10 8 5
" Woolwich . . .	10 0 0	37 3 1	...	47 3 1
" Lewisham . . .	...	...	...	...
" Eltham . . .	...	...	...	...
" Sydenham . . .	...	2 10 9	...	2 10 9
Totals	£ 1,953 0 0	940 2 3	25 0 0	2,918 2 3

Draft Stamps 0 12 0
 Balance at Bank (Coutts & Co.), Dec. 31, 1878 116 4 11

£23,034 19 2

PROVIDENT DISPENSARIES EXTENSION FUND.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure from January 1 to December 31, 1878.

Dr.	RECEIPTS.	£ s. d.	EXPENDITURE.		Cr.
			1878.		£ s. d.
1878.					
	To Subscriptions and Donations	251 12 0	By Salaries		58 0 0
	" Sale of Papers on 'Metropolitan Medical Relief'	0 18 9	" Clerks		10 15 1
			" Postage		30 12 9
			" Books and Papers		30 0 0
			" Half-cost of Map		37 13 4
			" Incidental expenses		0 10 6
			" Stationery		2 4 6
			" Travelling expenses		1 8 5
			" Printing		66 14 3
			" Advertising		3 11 7
			" Balance at Bank (Countess & Co.) Dec. 31, 1878		11 0 4
					<u>£252 10 9</u>

Examined and found correct,

C. H. ARCHIBALD, } Hon. Auditors.
A. R. BARRETT, }

5th March 1879.

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The following are ex-officio Members of the Committee:—

Every Incumbent of a Parish, and every Minister of Religion who shall be in charge of a Place of Worship within the Poor Law District of Kensington, and also every Poor Law Guardian for the same District.

NINTH ANNUAL REPORT.

THE following Tabular Statement shows the number of cases dealt with by the Committee during the past year :—

CLASS I.

Reported in answer to Inquiries—

a. Favourably ...	...	49	
b. Unfavourably ...	...	175	
c. Facts ...	...	11	
		—	235

CLASS II.

1. Rejected as—

a. Not requiring Relief ...	161	
b. Undeserving ...	76	
c. Ineligible ...	170	
	—	407

2. Referred to and relieved by—

a. Private Charity ...	54	
b. Associated Charity ...	27	
c. Poor Law ...	16	
	—	97

3. Relieved by—

a. Employment ...	...	76	
b. Loan of			
1. Money ...	14		
2. Mangles ...	5		
3. Sewing Machines	4		
4. Laundry Appli-			
ances ...	2		
	—	25	
c. Gift ...	...	154	
	—	—	255

759

994

CLASS III.—VAGRANTS.

Relieved with bread ...	...	...	960	
Dismissed ...	...	...	168	
			<hr/>	1,123
Miscellaneous Inquiries ...	...	...	...	329

CO-OPERATION WITH POOR LAW AUTHORITIES.

The chief administrators of relief are the Poor Law Guardians; and as we are in close co-operation with them, a brief outline of so much of their work as concerns this Committee may be interesting.

The law has cast upon them the duty of relieving destitution, but has left them a wide discretion in determining the form in which relief shall be given. The mitigation of distress is, with a few well-defined exceptions, outside their province, and is a work of charity. The knowledge that the Guardians have public money at their disposal, leads many of the poorer classes to be less earnest in their efforts to make a living for themselves and a provision for emergencies, and encourages some to feign a destitution which has no real existence. The Guardians, therefore, in order to protect the ratepayers, whose trustees they are, and still more in order to save the poor themselves from yielding to the temptation of relying on public support instead of their own efforts, feel themselves compelled to give relief only in a form which will discourage applications from all but the really necessitous. Of late years they have been disposed to believe that there is only one form of Poor Law Relief which is rarely sought by any but the destitute, which is so unpalatable as to be no temptation to improvidence, and which is at the same time thoroughly adequate; and that is, admission to the workhouse. Out-door Relief, consequently, is given year by year more rarely and after a closer scrutiny of the claims of applicants.

The Guardians have asked us to assist them in this work by giving them information which they might find it difficult to obtain from any other quarter, and by finding assistance in various forms for persons whom the Guardians, acting in the public

interest, do not think it desirable to help themselves, but to whom they consider the necessity of entering the Workhouse would involve very severe hardship.

With respect to those persons who have been admitted into the Workhouse, it is the practice of the Guardians from time to time to inquire whether there are any means by which each inmate can be enabled to leave the house and to start afresh. We have been invited to take part in this work also, and are frequently able to be of use, either by finding institutions which are willing to take charge of those whose destitution is caused by misconduct, but who are anxious to amend; or by making a small grant to a ruined family; or by finding light work for some who are unable to find a place in the regular labour-market.

Members of our Committee are usually present when the Guardians are making these inquiries. We believe we may say that the value of their co-operation is appreciated by the Board.

Two instances of co-operation are given below :—

B. was a woman, with one little girl of ten. In consequence of her drunken habits, she was in constant distress, and a frequent inmate of the workhouse. She was a most unfit person to have charge of her child, who already showed signs of her mother's bad influence. The Guardians having asked the help of the Committee, a training-school was found for the child, and one of her relations was prevailed upon to pay what was required by the institution. Some little pecuniary help was given by the Committee. The mother seemed grateful for the efforts which had been made to help her child, and employment having been soon afterwards offered her by her friends, has, we believe, kept steadily to her work, and behaved creditably.

A widow, with three children, had been in the receipt of out-door relief since the death of her husband. Inquiry having shown her to be a capable and energetic woman, of good character, it was thought desirable to attempt to raise the family to a position of independence. With this view, laundry appliances were lent her by the Committee, employment was put in her way; and she has thus been enabled to do without Poor Law relief. A little temporary assistance was given at the time of the withdrawal of the Poor Law relief.

In our efforts to co-operate with the Guardians, and in some

other branches of our work, we have received valuable help from the Metropolitan Association for Befriending Young Servants. This Association has free Registry Offices for girls who want places, and is in correspondence with Homes where neglected girls are trained for service. The ladies connected with the Association undertake to visit and advise the girls at their situations.

The following instance shows the manner in which the Association has occasionally helped us to further the work of the Guardians :—

A. was a widow with a large family ; several of them dependent upon her. The Guardians were supporting some of her children at their District School, but were not satisfied that she and the rest of the family were doing their best to earn a living. As she had one girl at home whom they considered should be at service, they warned her that their assistance would not be continued unless the girl went to service. The Association, at the instance of this Committee, found her a suitable place, and subsequently reported that she is doing well.

K., an orphan girl, had been sent back to the workhouse by her employer, in consequence of her inefficiency and habits of pilfering. Through the united efforts of the Association and of this Committee, sufficient money was raised to place her for a time in a country training-school. The authorities report that her character is improving, but consider the case a difficult one.

PRIVATE CHARITY.

Many of those whom we have endeavoured to save from the workhouse are persons who, in our opinion, can more properly be helped by private persons than by ourselves or any other similar institution.

They are chiefly the old and infirm, whose distress is not due to either vice or improvidence. In order to enable us to help them, we issued a circular inviting the charitable to undertake the relief of such cases, and either, as we would have preferred, to visit and spend their money themselves, or, if they found themselves unable to do this, to entrust their money to us.

Several residents responded to this appeal, and have allowed us

to bring such cases to their notice. We very much hope that a larger number of the residents will come forward to assist their poorer neighbours in this manner.

A copy of the circular, and a statement of the results of the appeal, will be found in the Appendix.

In addition to the sum contributed in answer to the appeal, the sum of £112 4s. 7d. has passed through the office, and has been spent in the direct relief of distress on behalf of private individuals. Part of this sum consists of money placed by friends at the disposal of the Secretary or of other members of the Committee, and part of contributions intended to be expended in the relief of cases favourably reported on.

A list of the sums so received will be found in the Appendix. In addition to these sums, a considerable amount of relief has been expended by private persons at the suggestion of the Committee, but as the money did not pass through the office, no account can be given of it.

The following are instances of persons relieved by private charity :—

S. is a needlewoman of about 50. She had long been in difficulty and distress, and during the last two years had frequently been helped by members of the Committee and others ; no permanent improvement, however, had been effected in her condition. A brother living at a distance, having offered her a home, her travelling expenses were paid, and some clothing provided by friends of the Committee. It is believed she is now comfortably and happily settled in her new home.

Our attention was drawn to—

An old couple of excellent character, aged upwards of 70 ; wife quite incapable of work. They were already receiving some occasional assistance from churches in the neighbourhood. The Committee communicated with them, and suggested that the assistance should be periodical, to meet 2s. 6d. a week obtained from a friend of the Committee. By means of this co-operation, and some assistance that reached them from their own friends, they have been shielded from distress and kept free of parish assistance.

ASSISTANCE FROM OUR OWN FUNDS.

We have assisted from our own funds 154 cases, to the amount of £117 4s. 1d. In the distribution of this money, we have endeavoured to satisfy ourselves that the assistance given would permanently benefit the recipient, and have felt bound to decline to help cases in which the assistance asked for would do no more than relieve distress for a time. We have been at some pains to inquire into the result that has been obtained, and after a personal examination of a large number of instances by members of the Committee, are glad to be able to say that in a great majority of cases substantial good has been effected.

Mrs. K. applied to the Guardians for out-relief during the illness of her husband, but as the man was capable of being removed into the Infirmary, the out-relief, although put on for a short time, could not be continued. At the expiration the man steadily refused to go into the Infirmary. The case became known to us, and believing that the man could not live very long, and that the separation from his family, to be removed into the Infirmary, would be a painful one, some weekly assistance was found by the Committee for four weeks. On his death, his wife tried to support herself by charring, but this failing, she applied to be sent into Lincolnshire with her children, where her mother had offered her a home. The Committee assisted towards the travelling expenses.

REJECTED CASES—UNDESERVING.

A large number of the cases that have come before the Committee have been rejected as "undeserving" or "ineligible," and as the action of the Committee in dealing with such cases does not appear to be fully understood, it is desirable that the principles on which these cases have been dealt with should be clearly set forth.

In the first place, it must be borne in mind, as we have stated above, that it is the duty of the Poor Law Guardians to save the destitute from absolute starvation. Every man, therefore, who is refused charitable help, is at any time able to avail himself of the provision which is made for him by law, but help will be given him

under the comparatively severe conditions attached to Poor Law relief, instead of in the milder form of charitable assistance.

Applicants are rejected as undeserving [and if destitute are directed to apply to the Poor Law] either because they are guilty of gross misconduct at the time of their application, or because there is reason to apprehend that they will speedily relapse into their former irregular life. We do not refuse to assist persons who have formerly misconducted themselves if we are satisfied that they are now earnestly struggling to help themselves, and if we think that they are not likely to fall back into their former vices. We have not found it possible to lay down any positive rule absolutely defining the limits beyond which charitable help should be refused to this class; but in considering applications from persons whose distress is due to misconduct, we have to bear in mind the fact that assistance given to one man to save him from the consequences of his vices, has a strong tendency to encourage other of the same class to similar misconduct, in the belief that they will receive similar assistance. We append an illustrative case:—

8478. F. applied for assistance during the illness of her husband, a labourer earning high wages, but disabled by an accident. The inquiry showed he was a drunken, violent man, who had met with the accident while committing a brutal assault on an unoffending old man.

INELIGIBLE.

As has been stated in several previous reports, the word ineligible means two quite distinct classes of persons. 1. Those whose distress is due to thriftlessness, improvidence, or blameable inefficiency; and, 2, those who require an amount and description of relief which the Committee are unable to procure for them.

It is not in the power of any association effectually to help persons who will be at no pains to learn a trade, to make the most of scanty earnings, or when earning good wages to lay by for a time of slackness. Any attempt on a large scale to relieve such persons tends to increase the evil, both among those who are assisted, and among their neighbours.

EMPLOYMENT.

Seventy-six persons have been assisted by employment during the past year, and may be classified as follows :—

- 29 charwomen.
- 10 men for occasional work (household chiefly).
- 11 as servants.
 - 3 as temporary servants.
 - 3 laundresses.
 - 5 persons to take charge of houses.
 - 1 waitress.
 - 1 person to take charge of children.
- 18 needlewomen.

The greater number of the above have had only occasional jobs of work, and no material improvement can be said to have arisen in their circumstances; but about twenty-five may be said to have been materially aided by the employment found, and a few to have been lifted out of a condition of distress and difficulty, and put in the way of an independent living. Five have been taken out of the workhouse, and placed in situations.

Mrs. H. had been obliged to leave her home in the country owing to the neglect and ill-treatment of her husband, and came to London with her five children. Charing was found for her by the Committee for a time. A temporary situation followed, and the lady, being much satisfied with her, offered to take her entirely into her service, and make arrangement for the provision of her children. She is now earning £20 a-year, and assisting towards the support of her children, who have been placed in schools.

A respectable widow, who had recently lost her husband, came over from Ireland in the hope of getting immediate employment here. She failed in her expectation, and was reduced to a state of great destitution. The Committee found her some charing in the neighbourhood, and subsequently a letter for Queen Charlotte's Hospital, and subsequently sent her back to her friends in Ireland, who we ascertained were ready to receive her.

LOANS.

We have thought it desirable wherever possible to assist by loan in preference to gift. In granting loans we have kept in view the following considerations, and have discouraged applications from persons whose circumstances did not seem to bring them within those conditions :—

1. That the loan would be of permanent benefit.

2. That the borrower was able to produce a surety for repayment.

3. That there was a reasonable probability that the principal debtor could and would repay the debt himself, and that it would not be necessary to apply to the surety.

We have lent £52 10s. to fourteen applicants; the money, which falls due by weekly instalments, is being repaid with fair regularity.

MANGLES, SEWING MACHINES, &c.

During the past year the total number of sewing machines and mangles on loan has been :—

9 mangles,
13 sewing machines,
6 sets of laundry appliances.

Total 28

The numbers lent during the year are 5 mangles, 4 sewing machines, and 2 laundry appliances.

Most of these cases were those of widows with several children, in great poverty when first brought to the notice of the Committee, and we can point with satisfaction to the almost independent livelihood that some of them have thus been enabled to attain. They have not been rendered wholly independent of parish relief, as, in cases of widows with four or five children, two of these have generally been received into the pauper school, and the Committee have, by the loan of a sewing machine or mangle, placed a living in the way of the mother and the two or three remaining children.

A widow with two children, dressmaker, who had the loan of one of the Committee's sewing-machines for a year, and had thus been enabled to support her family, came a few weeks ago, and stated that she had now been enabled to save up sufficient money to buy herself a machine, and would no longer require ours.

WAYFARERS

to the number of 1,128 have applied at the office during the past year; of these 960 have been relieved with bread. We believe

that the practice of relieving with bread persons who appear to be really in want, and who are able to give a fairly good reason for being on the road, has had a good result in inducing benevolent persons to abstain from giving indiscriminate relief to street beggars. We are aware, however, that most of the wayfarers who apply at our office are professional mendicants, and not destitute persons in search of employment. We propose during the coming year to examine this class of applicants with increased care, and we hope to effect a considerable reduction in their numbers.

KENSAL NEW TOWN.

The K. N. D. V. Society, which was established by members of our Committee for the relief of distress in a poor part of the parish on principles approved of by the Committee, continues to carry on its work in a highly satisfactory manner. As local subscriptions are not sufficient to meet the requirements of the case, we have again assisted the Society with a grant of £25.

POORER DISTRICTS.

We desire again to call the attention of our supporters to the difficulties under which the work of the Societies are carried out in some other parts of London. In some districts the poverty of the neighbourhood makes it very difficult to raise funds for a charitable purpose. Few of the residents are able to give largely either towards the necessary expenses of a District Committee Office, or for the direct relief of distress, while at the same time it is not easy to find ladies and gentlemen able to supervise and take part in the work. In other districts again the value of the work of the Society is still but imperfectly appreciated, and sufficient funds cannot as yet be raised to carry on the work efficiently. The Committee were able last year to contribute £50 towards the requirements of poorer districts, and they hope that the liberality of their friends will enable them to contribute more largely in future.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.

FROM 1ST OCTOBER, 1877, TO 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1878.

Dr.	RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.	EXPENDITURE.	£	s.	d.
To Balance at Bankers	£75	17 6	By Rent and Taxes,	...	...	...
" Cash in hand	13	2 0	" Fuel and Light	...	...	...
" Subscriptions	88	19 6	" Repairs	...	...	...
" Rent of Sewing-Machines, Mangles, and Laundry Appliances	685	13 0	" Salaries	...	...	...
" Received from the Church Street Loan Society for Loans	9	13 7	" Collector's Poudage	...	...	...
" Contributions received in answer to Appeal on behalf of Chronic Cases	52	10 0	" Stationery	...	...	...
Contributions for Individual Cases in hand from last year	40	6 6	" Printing	...	...	...
Contributions (see Appendix in the Report, pp. 34, 35)	187	1 4	" Postage	...	...	...
					" Incidental Expenses	...	...	...
								395 4 3
					" Aid in Grants out of General Fund	£108	16 4	
					" " to Tramps in Bread	...	4 9 8	
					" Loans, through Church Street Loan Society	...	52 10 0	
					" Expended in Relief of Chronic Cases	...	18 16 0	
					" Cash in hand	...	21 10 6	
					" Expended in Individual Cases	...	112 4 7	
					" Cash in hand	...	24 16 9	
					" Donation to Kensal Green District Committee	...	187 1 4	
					" Donation to Council	...	15 0 0	
					" Purchase of Mangles, Sewing Machines, and Laundry Appliances	...	50 0 0	
							37 9 0	445 12 10
					" Balance at Bankers	...	121 9 0	
					" Cash in hand	...	1 7 10	
								123 6 10
								£964 8 11

Examined with Vouchers, and found correct.

J. W. WILLIS-BUND, Auditor.

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APPENDIX.

Kensington Committee

FOR

ORGANISING CHARITABLE RELIEF & REPRESSING MENDICITY.

OFFICES : 42, CHURCH STREET.

SIR,

April 1878.

Will you permit me to invite your attention to the following considerations ?

This Committee has been for eight years engaged in investigating cases of distress, and endeavouring to find for each some fitting remedy. When the distress is of a temporary character, and is not caused by vice or improvidence, the Committee gives efficient help, either by referring the applicant to some of the numerous local charities, or by giving assistance from the funds which the liberality of the public has placed at its disposal. But when it is due to incurable infirmity or old age, the Committee is very frequently obliged to leave the applicant to the Poor Law. Few of the local charities are able to maintain a person who is permanently helpless ; and this Committee thinks it undesirable itself to undertake this work, not merely from fear that its funds would be inadequate, but also from a conviction that large associations are not well adapted to act as almoners in such cases.

But the Committee is far from thinking that old persons and others who may be permanently disabled by accident or unavoidable misfortune are suitably provided for if they are compelled to accept the severe terms which the Poor Law authorities must necessarily impose. Such persons should be treated with great consideration by those around them, and they are among the best objects upon whom private charity can be bestowed.

In country places the circumstances of every man are well known to his neighbour, and the wealthy can easily discover for themselves suitable objects for their benevolence ; but the great evil of London life is the separation between rich and poor, and this evil would be greatly lessened if those who have the means would themselves individually relieve persons who cannot be suitably assisted by societies, and whose distress is authenticated by this Committee or by other charitable bodies.

With a view of obtaining assistance for many deserving persons whose applications it is now obliged to reject, and also with the hope of bringing about a personal intercourse between rich and poor, which would be greatly to the benefit of both parties, this Committee has opened a list of persons willing to help those who are in permanent distress from no fault of their own. The promise of even a small weekly payment will be welcome, as the Committee would be able to combine several such contributions for the assistance of a single case.

I remain, yours faithfully,

R. W. GROSVENOR,

Chairman of the Committee.

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR SPECIAL CASES.

	£	s.	d.
Paddington Committee.....	3	9	0
Brandreth, E. L., Esq., 32, Elvaston-place	1	0	0
Ashton, Miss, 9, Marloes-road	2	2	0
Pepys, Mrs., 14, South Eaton-place	1	10	0
Mende, A. H. Esq., 9, Onalow-square ...	0	5	0
Muir, Andrew, Esq., 42, Holland-park...	8	5	0
Jones, — Esq.	2	10	0
St. George's Committee.....	1	0	0
Baldwin, — Esq.	2	10	0
Grosvenor, the Hon. Captain, 62, Queen's-gate	14	10	0
Waller, E., Esq., 33, St. Mary Abbots-terrace	10	0	0
Salis, — Esq.....	1	0	0
Innis, Rev.....	5	0	0
De Kantzow, Admiral, 1, Observatory-gardens	1	0	0
Cocks, — Esq.	1	0	0
Sawyer, General, Rowland-gardens.....	3	0	0
Corry, — Esq.	4	0	0
Abbott, General, 2, Peterham-terrace	1	10	0
Grosvenor, the Hon. Mrs., 62, Queen's-gate.....	12	0	0
Slater, P. L., Esq., 44, Elvaston-place	1	0	0
Brown, G., Mrs., 19, Prince of Wales-terrace.....	3	0	0
Lawrence, — Esq.....	1	0	0
Hall, Sir B.	16	4	0
Flaherty, — Esq.	0	2	7
E.....	0	15	0
Hall, Mrs., 20, Onalow-gardens	25	0	0
Cooper, Lady, 5, Loundes-square	1	11	0
Rivington, Mrs., 29, Phillimore-gardens	2	6	0
Malcolm, Sir G., 13, Cromwell-crescent .	0	2	6
Donkin, Mrs. and Miss, 17, Argyll-road	1	13	6
Foote, Mrs., 53, Victoria-street, S.W.	0	5	0
Rivington, Miss, 29, Phillimore-gardens	0	5	0
Ellis, A. J. S., Esq., 25, Argyll-road	0	10	0
Sharpe, Mrs., 3, Stafford-terrace.....	0	5	0
Roscoe, Mrs., 23, Argyll-road	0	10	0
Leeming, Mrs., 1, Russell-road	0	5	0
De Poix, E. T., Esq., 6, Argyll-road.....	0	7	6
Harcourt, Dr., M.D., 21, Stafford-terrace.....	0	10	0
Wynne, W., Esq., 14, Argyll-road.....	0	2	6
Garnett, Mrs., 4, Argyll-road.....	0	5	0
Searle, Mrs., 20, Essex-villas	0	10	0
Clode, C., Esq., 47, Phillimore-gardens .	0	5	0
	£132	5	7
Balance from last year	4	15	9
	£137	1	4

LIST OF SUBSCRIPTIONS TO THE CHRONIC CASES.

<i>Special Appeal.</i>		£	s.	d.
Saunders, H., Esq., 3, Bolton-gardens		5	0	0
Robinson, J. R., Esq., 4, Addison-street		1	1	0
Key, T., Esq., 11, Campden House-road		1	0	0
Westgarth, W., Esq., 10, Bolton-gardens.....		5	0	0
Malcolm, Sir G., 13, Cromwell-crescent		1	0	0
Watson, Mrs., 31, Holland-park.....		20	6	0
Abbott, Major-General, 2, Petersham-terrace		1	0	0
Head, B., Esq., 12, Earl's-terrace		2	0	0
Russell, General Sir D., K.C.B., 3, Elvaston-place.....		0	19	6
White, — Esq., Kinross House, Cromwell-crescent.....		3	0	0
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		£40	6	6

EXTRACT FROM THE RULES OF THE COMMITTEE.

*Complete Copies of the Rules will be furnished to any
Subscriber on application.*

CONSTITUTION AND OBJECTS.

1. The Committee shall consist of
 - (a) Ex-officio members—viz., every Incumbent of a parish and every Minister of Religion in charge of a place of worship within the parish of Kensington, and also every Poor Law Guardian for the same parish.
 - (b) Representatives of Relief Societies working in the District, and publishing periodically a Report and statement of Accounts, each such Society to be entitled to send one representative.
 - (c) Such other persons desirous of taking part in the work as have been or shall be elected members.
2. Any Incumbent or Minister being an ex-officio member may appoint his Curate or Assistant Minister to be his substitute on the Committee, provided that he shall give one week's notice in writing of such substitution to the Hon. Secretary.
3. Any Relief Society sending a representative to the Committee shall notify in writing to the Hon. Secretary the name and address of its representative for the time being, who shall be deemed a member from the date of the notice.
4. New members may be elected by the Committee at their

weekly meetings. Every such new member must be nominated at one meeting, and proposed and seconded by two members, and elected by a majority of members present, at the next meeting.

5. A member not attending at least one meeting of the General Committee or of a Sub-committee during the financial year will be placed on the list of "Associates" or "Honorary Members." An associate may attend meetings, but not vote.

6. Members of other District Committees of the Charity Organisation Society may attend the meetings of this Committee, but not vote.

7. The Committee shall confine its operations to the civil parish of Kensington.

8. The objects of the Committee shall be to bring existing local charities into co-operation with each other, and with the Poor Law authorities; to secure investigation and fitting action in cases of alleged distress; to repress mendicity, and discourage those forms of charity which foster mendicity; and, lastly, to give assistance out of its own funds in cases where assistance is likely to produce permanent benefit, and cannot be obtained from other sources.

9. Subscriptions shall be invited from residents in the district in order to provide the necessary funds for carrying on the work of the Committee.

23. Moneys received on behalf of the Committee shall be paid to their account at the London and County Bank (Kensington Branch), or at such other bank as the Committee shall from time to time appoint. All cheques shall be signed by the Secretary and Treasurer, or by such other members (not being less than two) as the Committee shall appoint for that purpose.

MENDICITY.

29. Tickets bearing the address of the Office and intended for street beggars, shall be supplied gratuitously to householders at the

discretion of the Committee. A person bringing a ticket to the Office shall, if he wishes it, have his case inquired into, with a view to its being suitably dealt with. A discretionary power shall be vested in an officer to give bread in cases of pressing hunger, subject to such conditions as the Committee may prescribe.

30. The Committee shall try to procure the arrest and punishment of persistent beggars.

INVESTIGATION AND RELIEF.

31. The Committee shall investigate without charge any case brought to its notice by any person willing to relieve it, if found deserving, or otherwise legitimately interested in having the inquiry made.

32. The Office shall be open to applicants every week-day except Christmas Day, Good Friday, and the Bank Holidays, between such hours as the Committee shall from time to time determine; but the Committee may at any time by resolution close the Office on any other day than those mentioned, or for any number of days not being more than one week at a time.

33. Applications for relief shall be taken down on proper forms, and where the applicant resides in the district, the investigation shall be commenced and prosecuted without delay under the directions of the Hon. Secretary. When the investigation is complete (or sooner, if the Hon. Secretary directs), the case shall be brought before a Decision Committee. If an applicant does not reside in the District, the particulars of the case shall be sent by post to the Office of the District in which he resides.

34. Cases of distress shall, if possible, be referred to some person or Society able and willing to give suitable relief. Cases for which suitable relief cannot be obtained from other sources, may be relieved out of the funds of the Committee, if relief is likely to produce permanent benefit, but not otherwise.

35. In granting or withholding relief, the Decision Sub-com-

mittees shall recognize the following general principles—viz. : (a) that vicious and improvident persons may fitly be left to the operation of the Poor Law ; (b) that where there are near relations able to assist, the obligation of assistance should be thrown on them ; (c) that it is inexpedient to pay arrears of rent or debts, or to supplement Poor Law relief.

LOANS.

36. In suitable cases, relief shall take the form of loans rather than gifts.

37. Every loan shall be made repayable by instalments, and be guaranteed by a responsible surety, and punctual repayment shall be strictly enforced.

38. Cases suitable for loans shall be either referred to the Holland Street Loan Society,* registered under 3 and 4 Vic., c. 110, or assisted out of the funds of the Committee according to such general orders of the Committee as may for the time being be in force.

39. A case shall be deemed suitable for a loan rather than a gift, if in the opinion of the Committee the borrower will be able to pay the periodical instalments without again falling into distress ; and no loan shall be granted or recommended for a person in receipt of parish relief.

40. No loan shall be granted out of the funds of the Committee unless the applicant is in actual or impending distress, but any industrious person of good character may be recommended to the Holland Street Loan Society for a loan who in the opinion of the Committee will be permanently benefited thereby.

MISCELLANEOUS.

41. The Committee shall send to the Central Council so many representatives as the rules of the Council shall from time to time allow.

* The Rules of the Holland Street Loan Society may be seen at the Office.

42. The Committee may contribute out of its funds to the expenses of the Central Council, and also to the support of the movement in the poorer districts of the metropolis. Grants may also be made to local relief agencies working on principles approved by the Committee.

43. The financial year shall end on the 30th September, unless the Committee shall otherwise determine.

44. At the end of each financial year, the Committee shall publish a Report of its proceedings, together with a Statement of Accounts for the preceding year, and shall send a copy of such Report and Statement to every subscriber of 5s. and upwards.

45. On a requisition of at least twelve annual subscribers a meeting shall be held at such time and place as the Committee shall determine, and the Committee shall give such explanations as may be asked. The Committee shall not be required to hold two such meetings in the same year.

46. The Committee may from time to time make Bye-laws to regulate its proceedings and the proceedings of its sub-committees, provided that no such bye-law is inconsistent with these Rules.

47. These Rules may be altered by a resolution of the Committee passed at one weekly meeting and confirmed at the next weekly meeting, provided that a fortnight's notice shall be sent to every member entitled to Committee notices, specifying the terms of the proposed alteration and the day on which the motion is to be made.

SOCIETY FOR
ORGANISING CHARITABLE RELIEF
AND REPRESSING MENDICITY.

FULHAM AND HAMMERSMITH COMMITTEE.

SEVENTH
ANNUAL REPORT,
1877-8.

OFFICE—
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THE COUNCIL OF THE CHARITY ORGANISATION SOCIETY desire to invite the attention of those interested in the work they have in hand to their Collection of Reports of Charities, and works of reference on Poor Law and Charity, which may at all times be consulted at the Central Office, free of charge, together with the Reports and Suggestions of the Society on various Social Questions.

The Secretaries are authorised to furnish particulars with regard to Charitable Societies to persons desirous of such information.

The Council will be glad to receive letters of recommendation for Hospitals, Convalescent Homes &c., for distribution to suitable cases through the District Committees.

Contributions to the funds of the Council can be paid at the Central Office, 15, Buckingham Street, Adelphi; or at Messrs. Courtis & Co.'s, 59, Strand, W.C.

Draft Orders on Bankers for annual payments, until further orders, can be supplied to any who wish for them.

Contributions for the poorer District Committees can be paid to the District Committee Aid Fund of the Council.

December, 1878.

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OBJECTS OF THE COMMITTEE.

(1) To take down the names and addresses of all applicants who come to their office, and to refer those who reside in any part of London outside the district of the Committee to the Charity Organisation Committee in whose district they live.

(2) To investigate thoroughly the cases of all applicants for relief resident in the district, whether referred to them by other persons or brought under their notice by the applicants themselves.

(3) To recommend the cases of persons who, after investigation, are found to be deserving, to the most appropriate agencies for their relief; or, failing this, to assist them (wherever possible) out of the funds of the Committee.

(4) To bring local charities into co-operation with each other and with the Poor-law authorities, with the view of strengthening their administration and of making it more efficient.

(5) To repress vagrancy and mendicity, by offering to deal effectively with the cases of any homeless persons who are willing to give full information regarding themselves, and to enter the workhouse or any charitable refuge while proper enquiry is made respecting their antecedents; and by giving bread to those who do not accept this test, and who declare themselves to be in want.

(6) To endeavour as far as possible, to promote the general welfare of the poor of the district, by means of social or sanitary reforms, whenever opportunity offers.

(7) To afford information regarding the objects and working of Metropolitan Charitable Societies.

REPORT.

In this, their Seventh Annual Report, the Committee are glad to be able to show that the steady progress, which the Fulham and Hammer-smith Branch of the Charity Organisation Society has for years exhibited, has been fully maintained during the past twelve months.

The cases dealt with by the Committee, which in the three next previous years had been 183, 320, and 395 respectively, were 413 in the year last past. It will also be noticed that the 'Undeserving' cases amount this year to only 34, or little more than 8 per cent. of the total. Two years ago the proportion was upwards of 15 per cent. All these figures will show those who have time to reflect upon them, that the aims and principles of the Society are becoming annually better known and understood by the class whom they desire to benefit.

The Committee also think that they see many signs of their action being better understood by that other important class with which they have to deal, namely those who are able to assist and relieve the poor. One of these signs is a slight increase in the amount of subscriptions during the past year. These subscriptions amount to £49 5s. 6d. In the previous year the subscriptions amounted to £45 19s. There is also an increase in the amount of contributions for special cases, but a slight falling off in the amount of donations. The Committee again desire to remind the inhabitants of the District that gifts of clothing for the poor are often very acceptable.

The Committee desire to tender their thanks to the Superintendent of Police in the District, and to the Local Poor Law Authorities, for the information they have so courteously afforded them; to the Magistrates of the Hammersmith Police Court for their continued support; and to their numerous kind friends who by their co-operation, have materially assisted the Society in their endeavours to ameliorate the condition of the deserving poor. They also desire again to express their sense of the great benefit which they have derived from Mr. Peeks munificent gift for the School Board Cases.

In conclusion, they beg also to record gratefully their sincere thanks to their own Honorary Officers, who have so well fulfilled their different functions, especially to the Honorary Secretary, Miss E. Howes; and to the Treasurer, Mr. J. H. Lewis; who have laboured most indefatigably in the good cause.



FULHAM AND HAMMERSMITH BRANCH OF THE CHARITY ORGANISATION SOCIETY.
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE,
From October 1st, 1877, to September 30th, 1878.

Dr.

Cr.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
£	s. d.	£	s. d.
To Balance, September 30th, 1877, at Bank	8 7 3	By Rent, 4 Quarters, Rates, and Taxes ...	50 7 6
" Annual Subscriptions	49 5 6	" Fuel & Lights & Office Cleaning	6 0 10
" Donations	5 1 0	" Salary	77 17 4
" Contributions for Special Cases	72 1 0	" Collector's Poundage	5 0 0
" J. Bridge, Esq., for ditto	2 10 0	" Stationery and Office Books	4 10 8
" J. Paget, Esq., for ditto	2 0 0	" Printing and Advertising, 1875-76, 1877-78	28 18 6
" Do. School Board Cases	96 14 0	" Postage	4 4 6
" Grant made by the Central Council	148 10 0	" Incidental Expenses	5 11 3
" Magistrate Hammersmith Police Court	45 0 0	" Travelling Expenses	3 3 5
" Rent for Sewing Machine	6 5 4	" Repairs, Fittings, and Fixtures	2 8 10
" Cash advanced by Hon. Sec.	8 12 9	" Advanced by Hon. Sec.	7 18 9
		" Contributions to Special Cases	71 11 0
		" Do. School Board Cases	109 4 0
		" Do. Bread for Tramps	4 3 8
		" Grants	49 18 11
		Balance, September 30th, 1878	430 14 2
			7 12 8
			<u>£438 6 10</u>

I have examined the accounts and vouchers of the above Branch, and hereby certify this to be in accordance with same,
 2, Moorgate Street Buildings, London, E.C., 22nd October, 1878. J. M. HENDERSON, Public Accountant.

PERMANENT LOAN FUND BALANCE SHEET,

For the same period as above.

Dr.

Cr.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Balance, 30th September, 1877	3	7	6	By Loans granted since 30th September, 1877	3	0	0
„ Repayments, since 30th September, 1877	1	11	0	„ Balance at Bank	1	18	6
	<u>£4 18 6</u>				<u>£4 18 6</u>		

INUNDATION FUND.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Balance at Bank, 30th September, 1877	24	0	0	By Balance at Bank	...	...	...
„ Balance in hand	0	6	1	„ Balance in hand	...	...	...
	<u>£24 6 1</u>				<u>£24 6 1</u>		

Examined and found correct—

J. M. HENDERSON,
Public Accountant, } AUDITOR.

22nd October, 1878.

APPENDIX.

ILLUSTRATIVE CASES.

Undeserving.

Case 1228. A man, a dyer, aged 29, wife 32, with five children, applied to the Committee for assistance. He stated that twelve months ago he failed in business, and had no regular employment since. Inquiry showed, that he sold his business, and was employed by the firm who bought it, at 30s. a week and rent free, and in the course of three weeks he robbed his employers to the amount of £25.

Case 1272. A man a labourer, aged 64, wife 48, applied to the Committee for assistance. He stated that he had not done any work for several years, Inquiry showed that he was well known as a beggar in three other Districts of the Society, and that he spent the greater part of the summer months in Convalescent Homes, and the winter months in the Infirmaries of different Workhouses.

Referred to Poor Law.

Case 1291. A man a labourer, aged 59, wife 45, applied for assistance. The wife stated that her husband met with an accident six months ago, and was unable to work. Inquiry showed that the man was suffering with Chronic Rheumatism and unable to work, and the wife was known as a drunken woman.

Assisted by Grants.

Case 1295. A widow, aged 45, with eight children, seven dependent, applied for assistance, She stated that her husband died suddenly eight days ago, and that she had no means of support. Inquiries showed that she was a very deserving, sober person. The case was brought under the notice of the Guardians, who took four of the children into the District School; By the assistance of the Vicar of the Parish, the husband's employer, and the Committee; a mangle, and laundry work was procured for her. She is now doing well.

Case 1312 A man, a coachman, aged 50, wife 33, with three children, was sent to the Office by one of the Magistrates of the Police Court. The wife stated that her husband three weeks previously attempted to commit suicide, he was discharged from the Hospital that morning and brought before the Magistrate, he was still very weak from loss of blood. Inquiry showed that he had been out of employment for several months, had suffered for some time with depression of spirits. The Committee granted assistance to the amount of £4 10s., and procured him employment.

Assisted with Letters for Convalescent Homes.

Case 1231. A domestic servant, aged 23, applied for a letter for Walton. She stated that she had been ill for the last three months, and the Doctor told her if she could get into the country for a few weeks, she would be able to go to service again. Inquiry showed that she was a well-conducted young woman. The Committee granted a letter and paid her expenses.

Case 1269. A man, a labourer, age 37, wife 37, with four children, applied for a letter for a Convalescent Home. The man stated that he had been ill for five weeks, and the Doctor recommended a change of air. Inquiry showed they were hard-working, sober people. The Committee granted a letter.



*Cases from 1st October, 1877, to 30th
September, 1878.*

CLASS I.—DISMISSED, OR UNFAVOURABLY REPORTED ON, AS

1. Not requiring relief	...	...	...	...	31
2. Undeserving	...	...	...	...	34
3. Cases for Poor-Law, or otherwise ineligible	...				12
Total	...	...			— 77

CLASS II.—RECOMMEND TO—

1. The Guardians	...	...	...	...	13
2. Institutions or Local Agencies	...	...			9
3. Private Persons	...	...	...	...	64
Total	...	...			— 86

CLASS III.—ASSISTED BY—

1. Grants	...	...	...	...	...	61
2. Loans	...	...	...	...	...	3
3. Employment	...	...	...	...	...	6
4. Letters for Hospitals &c.	...	...	...			180
						— 250
Total	...	...	...	...		413

Reports sent out	...	...	...	...	...	146
Inquiries for other Committees	...	...	...	...	...	180
Vagrants dealt with	...	...	...	...	...	189
Grand Total	...	...				— 928

HOSPITAL LETTERS

*Received from October 1st, 1877, to September 30th, 1878, from Council,
District Committees, and the following Ladies and Gentlemen.*

West Brompton.

	Nos.
Council	14
Chelsea C. O. Committee	1
Kensington C. O. Committee	1
Rev. J. F. Serjeant	1
	— 17

Queen Charlotte's.

St. George's C. O. Committee	1
	— 1

West London

Mr. Allcock	2
John Bridge, Esq., Magistrate H. P. C.	1
Messrs. J. & C. Lee	3
Miss J. J. Lee	3
T. Elderfield, Esq., per W. Mussared, Esq.	6
— Mills, Esq.	1
Mr. Hester	1
C. B. Claydon, Esq.	2
J. T. Frere, Esq.	8
W. Mussared, Esq.	2
Mr. Northcote	1
Mr. Millis	2
C. J. Stevens, Esq.	2
Mrs. Tennant	16
Rev. J. F. Serjeant	4
	— 54

Walton Convalescent Home

Council	1
— Beaven, Esq.	1
Battersea C. O. Committee	1
Kensington C. O. Committee	1
J. S. Loyd, Esq.	2
Mrs. Lemon	1
Rev. J. F. Serjeant	1
	— 8

Surgical Aid Society.

J. Paget, Esq., Magistrate, H. P. C.	7
Miss R. Paget	3
	— 10

St. George's

Council	1
St. George's C. O. Committee	3
Kensington C. O. Committee	1
	— 5

Eastbourne Convalescent Home.

Council	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	
Rev. W. A. Whitworth	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	
										—	2

City of London Truss Society.

J. Paget, Esq., Magistrate, H. P. C.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	
Council	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	
										—	4

Hospital for Sick Children

Council	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	
										—	3

National Hospital. (Paralysed).

Council	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	
										—	1

Ventnor Convalescent Home.

J. S. Loyd, Esq.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	
										—	1

St. Mary's Hospital.

Council	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	
										—	1

Margate Convalescent Home.

Miss R. Paget	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	
										—	1

St. Andrew's Convalescent Home.

Rev. J. F. Serjeant	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	
										—	2

Grand Total 110



DONATION LIST.

Special Cases.

No. of Case ;								£	s.	d.
1271	C. D. P. F.	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	0	0
	Bennett, Thos., Esq.	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	0
	Mocatta, F. D., Esq.	...	...	...	...	...	...	20	0	0
	Rothschild, Baroness, L. de	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	0	0
	Robson, H., Esq.	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	0	0
	Jarratt, Joseph, Esq.	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	0	0
Case 1295										
	Serjeant, Rev., J. F.	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	10	0
	Petzing, Mrs.	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	0	0
Case 1286										
	Wilson, Rev., H., per (reserved)	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	0	0
Case 1312										
	Rothschild, Baroness, L. de	...	...	...	...	...	...	0	10	0
Case 1318										
	Paget, J. Esq., Magistrate, H. P. C.	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	0	0
Case 1266										
	Bridge, J. Esq., Magistrate, H. P. C.	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	10	0
Case 1237										
	Distress, Society for Relief of	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	0	0
Case 1179										
	Townsend, Marquis of	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	0	0
Case 1180										
	Wilbraham, Gen., Sir Richard	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	0	0
Case 1211										
	Rothschild, Baroness, L. de	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	0	0
								<hr/>		
								£76	11	0



CHARITY ORGANISATION COMMITTEE, FULHAM.

SUBSCRIPTIONS AND DONATIONS.

	Subscriptions.			Donations.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Agar, Mr.	0	10	6			
Alcock, Mr.	0	10	6			
Arnold, Mr.	0	5	0			
Barnes, E. C., Esq.	1	1	0			
Batty, Rev., G. S.	0	10	6			
Batty, Rev., W. E.	0	10	6			
Bird, E., Esq.	1	1	0			
Blyth, Rev. E. H.	1	1	0			
Boilieu, Major	1	0	0			
Cardwell, Rev. J. H.	1	1	0			
Chambers, E., Esq.	0	5	0			
Churchman, Mr. A.	0	5	0	0	5	0
Clifton, W., Esq.	1	1	0			
Cookerell, Mr. M.	0	10	0			
Collett, Rev. W. L.	1	1	0			
Child, Miss M. A.	1	1	0			
Cooper, H. S., Esq.	1	0	0			
Cotes, Major	1	1	0			
Cowan, Mr.	0	5	0			
Dare, Mr.	0	10	0			
Dean, Mrs.				0	10	0
Feltwell, Mr.	0	2	6			
Fisher, Rev. F. H.	1	1	0			
Fownes, H. L., Esq.	0	5	0			
Frere, J. T., Esq.	1	0	0			
Gorham, Mr.	0	5	0			
Grant from Central Office				148	10	0
Gurrier, Mr.	0	5	0			
Halford, E., Esq.	0	10	0			
Handcock, Rev. W.	0	5	0			
Hodgkins, H. S., Esq.				0	10	0
Holton, Mr.	0	5	0			
Howes, Miss E.	1	1	0			
Hurlingham Club	2	2	0			
Jago, Mrs.	0	5	0			
Jeffery, Mr.	0	5	0			
Johnstone, Miss				0	10	0
Lazarus, Mr.	0	5	0			
Lee & Sons, Messrs.	0	10	6			
Lemon, Mrs.				0	5	0
Linnitt, Mr.	0	5	0			
Magistrate, Hammersmith Police Court				45	0	0
Mansell, Capt., R. N.	1	1	0			
Mussared, W., Esq.	0	10	6			
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I. To bring into harmonious co-operation with each other and with the Poor Law authorities the various charitable agencies and individuals in the district, and thus effectually to check the evils of 'overlapping' relief caused by simultaneous but independent action.

II. To investigate thoroughly the cases of all applicants for charitable relief, whether they are referred to the offices for inquiry and report, or whether they apply of their own accord.

III. To place gratuitously at the disposal of all charitable agencies and private persons the investigating machinery of the Committees of the Society, and to send, to persons having a legitimate interest in cases, full reports of the results of the investigations made.

IV. To obtain from the proper charities, or from charitable individuals, suitable and adequate relief for deserving cases.

V. To assist from its own funds, and as far as possible in the form of loans, all suitable cases in which temporary aid would tend to permanent benefit, and for which adequate assistance cannot be obtained from other sources.

VI. To repress mendicity by the above means, by the gratuitous distribution of investigation tickets, and by the prosecution of impostors.

VII. To afford to the public at large information regarding the objects and mode of working of existing charities, and to make the District Offices centres of reference for all interested in charitable work in the several districts.

VIII. To promote, as far as possible, the general welfare of the poor by means of social and sanitary reforms, and by the inculcation of habits of providence and self-dependence.

MODE OF WORKING.

1. The office of the Committee is open every day (Sundays and Bank Holidays excepted), from 10 to 12 A.M. and from 8 to 5 P.M.,* to receive applications from any person who is in distress and in need of help. All the particulars required for tracing the causes of the distress, and for ascertaining the most effectual mode of relief, which can be procured from the applicant, are then taken down in writing. The statement thus obtained is at once handed over to the inquiry officer for verification.

2. On the completion of the inquiries, the case, with all the information bearing on it, is brought before one of the working Committees, and, according to circumstances, is either (a) assisted, (b) recommended for assistance, or (c) dismissed.

(a) To bring a case within the 'assisted' class it must be shown that the distress is not of a permanent nature, that it has not been caused by habitual misconduct or improvidence, that there are no relations whose duty it is to help before aid is given by any charity, and that the assistance asked for is such as is likely to make a substantial and lasting change for the better in the position of the applicant. Where these conditions exist, and the necessary relief cannot be obtained from any other source, the Committee give the assistance in one or other of the following modes: viz. (1) by grant, either by way of weekly allowance in cases of sickness, or of sums of money for specified purposes; or (2) by loan, either of sewing-machines, mangles, &c., or of sums of money; or (3) by the gift of letters for hospitals and convalescent homes; or (4) by finding employment, as far as is possible, for persons out of work. Able-bodied persons out of work are assisted with money only for the purpose of enabling them to secure employment.

(b) The 'recommended' cases are those which are recommended by the Committee for assistance to other charities or to charitable persons. Under this head are entered pensions to the aged, some

* During the Summer Months the office closes on Saturdays at noon.

few of which are given through the Committee by benevolent persons; cases which private persons relieve on the recommendation of the Committee; cases of distress coming within the scope of the district visiting or other local agencies; and those cases which are favourably reported on to the hospitals as suitable for gratuitous medical relief.

(c) The 'dismissed' cases comprise, in the first place, persons who are in comparatively good circumstances, and ought not to have asked for help; secondly, those who are of bad character, habitually improvident, or inveterate beggars; and, thirdly, all those cases of permanent or temporary destitution which, either from their character or circumstances, are best left to the Poor Law to deal with.

3. Applicants who represent themselves to be in a starving condition are given bread to eat in the office, and if they are homeless they are either sent to the workhouse or to the Newport Market Refuge,* while their circumstances are being inquired into. Applicants requiring immediate relief, though not homeless, are referred, pending investigation, to the relieving officer.

4. Appeals to private persons for charitable aid, whether made personally or by letter, are also inquired into, and the result reported free of charge to all who may have received such appeals and desire information about them with a view to relief. Through arrangements made with Charity Organisation and other Societies, both in the country and abroad, inquiries can be made wherever the writers of such appeals or begging letters may reside.

5. A labour register is kept at the office for entering the names of those who have applied for employment, and whose characters have on investigation proved thoroughly satisfactory. The *Daily Telegraph*, the *Daily Chronicle*, the *Labour News*, the *Bayswater Chronicle*, and the *Indicator* may also be consulted at the office by persons out of work.

6. It is the aim of the Committee to make their office a centre of reference for all interested in charitable work in the district. For this purpose particulars relating to the various metropolitan charities and provident institutions are collected in the office, and all information relating to them is gladly given to those who ask for it. The *bona fides* of all kinds of charitable appeals is also tested by the Society.

* Females are received at the Dudley Stuart Home, Market Street, Edgware Road, whilst in search of employment, but not until their character has been ascertained by inquiry to be respectable.

REPORT.

IN presenting their Ninth Annual Report, the Committee have no special change to record in the nature of the charitable work in which they are engaged.

The number of resident cases dealt with in the course of the year amounts to 639, 277 of whom were new applicants, while the remainder—362—had been before the Committee on previous occasions. The various modes in which the wants of these applicants have been met are shown at p. 10, and it will be seen on reference to the tabular statement there given that nearly two-thirds have been either assisted directly by the Committee, or recommended for assistance from other sources. The decrease in the number of 'dismissed' cases as compared with last year, (229 as against 322), points, as the Committee hope, to a better understanding of their work on the part of the public, which prevents applications of an unsuitable kind being made to them, and the disappointments consequent on refusal. If this is so, the result cannot be regarded as otherwise than satisfactory. In any case, it should be noted that the great diminution of out-door relief which has taken place of late years in the parish has not thrown a greater number of cases upon the office. The Committee believe that the more discrimination that can be exercised in charity both from public and private sources, the more the powers of self-help among the poorer part of the population will be developed.

At the beginning of this year the Committee took steps to make their Labour Register,—which contains the names of persons of insufficient earnings, who are not suited for regular employment,—more widely known by advertising it every month in the *Daily Telegraph* and the *Baywater Chronicle*,

Labour
Register.

These advertisements bring in many applications, even from outside the district, for such labour as the Committee have on their books. The names of twenty-four persons have been placed on the Register in the year, and work of some kind or other, generally at charing, window-cleaning, &c., has been ascertained to have been obtained in fifty-two instances. Besides this, the Clerk often furnishes a list of those on the Labour Register to visitors at the office who apply for it, but he cannot ascertain in all cases whether any of them are employed. It may fairly be supposed that in many cases work is thus obtained, and the Labour Register therefore may be considered to be more generally made use of than the statistics indicate.

Associates.

As it seemed to the Committee that there might be many persons willing and ready to assist them in various ways in carrying on the work of the Society in the district, the following resolution was brought before them on the 21st of May last and agreed to, viz. :—

‘That such persons as are willing to assist in the work of the Society in this district otherwise than as Members of the Committee be nominated Associates of the Committee.’

The Committee have thus associated with them a staff of volunteer visitors to whom they may refer any special feature in a case for further elucidation, and in whose care they may place a case which requires some sort of continuous supervision.

Special Contributions.

A reference to the balance sheet at p. 24 will show that a sum of £185. 19s. 2d. was received during the year for special cases. Last year the amount was £113. 17s. A considerable increase has therefore taken place, which shows an undiminished confidence on the part of the public in the Committee, and bears witness to the extent to which its machinery supplies a real need. The large balance on this account consists chiefly of a sum of money which was collected for two ladies, and which is disbursed to them by quarterly payments. The Committee are always ready to receive and disburse any money, for cases which they have investigated, which may be entrusted to them by the charitable. Such sums are all placed to a separate account, and used only for the purpose to which they are destined, without any deduction for expenses or otherwise.

Subscriptions and Donations.

It will be observed that there has been a falling off in the subscriptions and donations for this year, as compared with last year, of £154. 2s. 6d., (the amount being £759. 0s. 6d. as

against £913. 13s. 3d.), and that, at the end of the year, the balance was only £44. 4s. 7d., a very small sum for current requirements. This diminution, while threatening seriously to impair their own work, has made it quite impossible for the Committee to make any grant in aid of the Committees of the poorer districts. The Committee would again remind their subscribers of the large aims and objects of this Society, and the impossibility of carrying them out without increased annual support from those who already approve them. They would remind the public that the object of the Society is to establish a discriminating agency for charitable purposes all over London, and that to maintain such an agency much larger funds are needed than have hitherto been obtained.

The recent changes in the paid staff have been attended with Office Staff. no diminution in the efficiency of the office. The Committee have in their old inquiry officer, Mr. Court, a clerk whose experience and interest in the work are invaluable to them, while the post of inquiry officer is ably filled by Mr. Woodham.

The thanks of the Committee are again due to those who have kindly furnished them with the list of the charities in the parish. They can assure the managers of these charities that they are willing at all times to co-operate with them, and to give such aid in the investigation of cases or otherwise as it is in their power to afford.

In concluding their Report, the Committee desire to thank those whose friendly co-operation has enabled them to carry on their work—the guardians of the poor, the clergy and ministers of all denominations, the district visitors, the medical officers, relieving officers, and other officials of the parish, who have rendered them invaluable aid in the prosecution of their work.

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**TABULAR STATEMENT SHOWING THE SEVERAL MODES IN WHICH THESE
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	1877			1878									Totals	Totals of each Class
	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September		
ASSISTED BY—														
Grants . . .	16	17	12	32	10	26	15	19	13	18	14	7	199	
Loans . . .	1	1	3	—	1	1	4	4	1	2	3	—	21	
Hospital Letters .	7	1	3	2	2	3	8	14	10	9	8	3	70	
Names placed on Labour Register	3	2	—	3	1	2	4	3	2	—	1	3	24	
Loans of Sewing Machines, Man- gles, and Laun- dry Utensils .	2	2	1	—	—	—	1	22	2	—	—	—	30	
														344
RECOMMENDED TO—														
Local Agencies or Institutions .	16	11	4	11	10	18	6	13	8	9	3	2	111	
Private Persons .	1	7	4	5	5	5	6	8	3	4	3	1	52	
														163
DISMISSED OR UN- FAVOURABLY RE- PORTED UPON AS—														
Not requiring Cha- ritable Relief .	3	3	2	2	6	4	5	7	11	4	10	2	59	
Undeserving .	1	4	2	6	3	7	4	2	7	11	2	3	52	
Cases for Poor Law, or other- wise ineligible .	10	12	10	13	17	11	7	10	7	13	3	10	123	
														234
Totals	60	60	41	74	55	77	60	102	64	70	47	31		741

REPORTS on resident and non-resident cases sent out during the year . . .	587
INQUIRIES for other Committees	285
VAGRANTS dealt with	39

NOTE.—The total given above, 741, showing the various dealings with applications is in the excess of the total number of applications (639), inasmuch as the same application is often dealt with in more ways than one. Thus a letter for a Convalescent Hospital and the travelling expenses granted as the result of one application, would be entered under the two sub-headings of 'Hospital letters,' and 'Grants'; so, the relief of a case by special arrangement between the Committee and a District Visiting Society is entered as 'a grant' and as 'recommended to' a 'local agency.'

OCCUPATIONS OF THE 639 APPLICANTS.

Agent	1	Laundresses	8
Artists	2	Lifter	1
Authoress	1	Lodginghouse Keepers	2
Bakers	3	Mangling	13
Bath-chairmen	2	Mendicity Officer	1
Biblewoman	1	Messengers	2
Boot and Shoe-makers	13	Needle women and Workers of	
Boxmakers	2	Sewing machines	62
Bricklayer	1	No occupation	139
Butcher	1	Nursery Governess	1
Cab-drivers	3	Nurses	9
Cabinet-maker	1	Omnibus conductors	6
Carmen	11	Painters	19
Carpenters	16	Pew-openers	2
Carpet beaters	2	Plasterers	6
Carters	4	Plumbers	4
Chair-canon	1	Porters	17
Charwomen	35	Poulterers	3
Cheesemonger	1	Railway-guard	1
Chemical Lecturer	1	Salesman	1
Chiropodist	1	Schoolmaster	1
Clerks	17	Seaman	1
Coachmen and Flymen	22	Shirtmaker	1
Coach Trimmer	1	Shopmen	6
Collector	1	Shopkeepers	2
Collier	1	Signalman	1
Coatmonger	1	Slater	1
Crossing Sweeper	1	Smiths	2
Dairymen	1	Stablemen	2
Domestic servants	19	Stationer	1
Draper	1	Stoker	1
Dress-makers	23	Stone-masons	1
Farrier	1	Striker	1
Fitter	1	Tailoresses	2
Gardener	1	Tailors	11
Gas-fitters	3	Teacher of Languages	1
Governesses	4	Tin Plate Workers	2
Grainers	2	Tobacconists	2
Grooms and Horsekeepers	6	Translator	1
Hairdressers	2	Traveller	1
Hammermen	2	Upholsterers and Upholsteresses	2
Harness maker	1	Warehousemen	3
Hawkers	3	Washerwomen	10
Horse-breakers	2	Watchmakers	5
Housekeeper	1	Wheelwrights	2
Hotel Manager	1	Whitesmiths	2
Indoor Men-servants	19	Writer for Press	1
Iron-fixers	2		
Jeweller	1		
Labourers	31		
		Total	639

DISTRICTS OF PADDINGTON AND KILBURN IN WHICH THE 639
RESIDENT APPLICANTS LIVE.

All Saints' 14	St. Mark's, Hamilton Ter- race 5
Christ Church 5	St. Mary's 64
Holy Trinity 9	St. Mary Magdalene . 172
Holy Trinity, Kilburn . 8	St. Matthew's . . . 35
Lock Chapel 42	St. Michael's . . . 43
St. Andrew's 11	St. Paul's 81
St. Augustine's 5	St. Peter's 47
St. James's 4	St. Saviour's 6
St. John's 7	St. Stephen's 27
St. John's, Kensal Green . 4	Homeless 8
St. John's, Kilburn . . 19	Total <u>639</u>
St. Luke's 13	
St. Luke's, Kilburn . . 15	

TABLE SHOWING THE PROPORTION OF THE 639 RESIDENT APPLICANTS
WHO HAVE AT ANY TIME SUBSCRIBED TO A BENEFIT CLUB OR
PROVIDENT SOCIETY (INCLUDING CLOTHING CLUBS AND PROVI-
DENT DISPENSARIES).

Members at the time of application at the office	116
Have been members, but from various causes have ceased so to be	78
Never subscribed to any Club or Provident Dispensary . .	445
	<u>639</u>

**OCCUPATIONS OF APPLICANTS WHOSE NAMES WERE PLACED ON
LABOUR REGISTER FROM OCTOBER 1, 1877, TO SEPTEMBER 30,
1878.**

Those only of the applicants who, after inquiry, are found of good character are entered on the Register.

Householders and employers will greatly assist in the work of the Committee by engaging those whose names are found there.

Care of Chambers, &c.	. 1	Window, Knife, & Boot	
Charwomen	. 13	Cleaners	. . . 6
Cook (Jobbing)	. 1		
Laundresses & Washer-			—
women	. . . 3		24

During the above period employment was obtained in 52 instances for applicants whose names are on the Register.

**CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH SEWING MACHINES, MANGLES, &c. ARE
LENT TO APPLICANTS:—**

1. A security must be obtained by the applicant for the safe return of the machine, mangle, &c., or its value.

2. A guarantee must be obtained from applicant's landlord that the article lent shall not be seized for rent.

3. The loan is made for a period of six months, at a rent of 6d. a month; and applicants are required to show their rent-books at the office once a month.

4. At the expiration of six months application must be made for a renewal of the loan. The case is then visited by one of the Associates of the Committee; and, if the article is proved to have been of real use to the applicant, it is lent for a further term of six months, and so on periodically.

5. Applicants whose circumstances appear after a certain time to have improved in consequence of the loan are urged to purchase the article lent, and are allowed to do so at a reduced rate, and by easy instalments.

6. In case of death, or removal, of either borrower or surety, notice must be immediately given at the office.

**LIST OF HOSPITAL LETTERS &c. DISTRIBUTED FROM OCTOBER 1,
1877, TO SEPTEMBER 30, 1878.**

Letters for Hospitals	120
" " Convalescent Institutions	47
" " Surgical Aid Society	27
" " Truss Society	5
" " Society for Relief of Distressed Widows	2
Coal Tickets	91
Bread "	91
Tickets for Needlework	12
Letter for Provident Surgical Appliance Society	1

PADDINGTON PARISH.

D & X DIVISIONS OF METROPOLITAN POLICE.

**RETURN OF THE NUMBER OF BEGGARS APPREHENDED BY POLICE OF
ABOVE DIVISIONS IN THE PARISH OF PADDINGTON AND THAT
PART OF WILLESDEN BETWEEN KILBURN PARK ROAD AND
WILLESDEN LANE, FOR THE YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1878.**

Begging alone	4	Convicted and sentenced to 1 month's hard labour.
"	8	" " 21 days' "
"	2	" " 14 " "
"	14	" " 7 " "
"	1	" " 1 " "
"	3	" and sent to Reformatory.
"	19	Discharged.
Begging and Drunk ...	3	Convicted and sentenced to 1 month's hard labour.
"	3	" " 21 days' "
"	2	" " 14 " "
"	6	" " 7 " "
"	1	" " 5 " "
"	2	" " 1 " "
"	2	Discharged.

Total No. apprehended 70

C A S E S

ILLUSTRATING THE SYSTEM OF INVESTIGATION.

All cases, after they have been dealt with by the Committee, are classified as follows:—

CLASS I.—Assisted.

„ II.—Recommended.

„ III.—Dismissed.

Each Class is further sub-divided under the following heads:—

CLASS I.—1. Assisted by Grants.

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| „ | 2. | „ | Loans. |
| „ | 3. | „ | Employment. |
| „ | 4. | „ | Letters for Hospitals. |
| „ | 5. | „ | Name being placed on Labour Register. |
| „ | 6. | „ | Loan of Sewing Machines, Mangles, &c. |

CLASS II.—1. Recommended to Institutions or Local Agencies.

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| „ | 2. | „ | Private Persons. |
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CLASS III.—1. Dismissed as not requiring *Charitable* Relief.

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| „ | 2. | „ | Undeserving. |
| „ | 3. | „ | Cases for Poor Law, or otherwise ineligible. |

CLASS I.

1. Assisted by Grant.

CASE 1946.—W. R., aged 47, was a painter by trade, but owing to chronic rheumatism had been unable to work for upwards of two years; and after having been kept by the Committee at the Victoria Hospital, Buxton, for eight weeks without any permanent benefit to his health, he was now in the Work-house Infirmary. His wife, aged 50, a needlewoman, was able to earn little or nothing in consequence of bad health. There was a daughter, aged 19, in domestic service, who regularly allowed her mother 10s. a month, and a son, aged 17, who lived with his mother, and was apprenticed to a good firm of carpenters, his wages being 9s. a week. The family bore a very good character. The wife was receiving 5s. a week from her husband's club, and an application having been made for assistance to complete the son's outfit of carpenter's tools, the Committee supplied him, at a cost of 22s., with such tools as were requisite for the class of work in which he would be engaged under his present employers.

2. Assisted by Loan.

CASE 3939.—S. W., aged 35, married, without children, applied for a loan of £3 to enable him to purchase a costermonger's barrow. He was paying 2s. 3d. weekly for the hire of one, and he offered to repay the loan by weekly instalments of the same amount. Some time before, when employed as a coal carman, he had lost one of his legs; his master had given him £10, but he was laid up for many weeks after the accident, and at the same time his wife was ill with rheumatic fever. As soon as he was able to get about, he had started a costermonger's business with the help of his wife, for which he had purchased the stock by means of pawning many of his things. He had still many pledges outstanding, but he owed no rent. He belonged to a club; his and his wife's weekly earnings were said to be about 21s., and they were highly spoken of for respectability and energy. The Committee granted the loan, which is now being regularly repaid.

3. Assisted by Employment.

CASE 3863.—J. E., aged 35, a single woman, applied for temporary assistance. She was in great distress, having some weeks previously, in consequence of slackness in the trade, been thrown out of a regular employment in which she had worked as a needlewoman for several months. She had no relations who were able to assist her, and her character was ascertained to be satisfactory. There appeared no present prospect of her getting into regular work again, and, as she expressed a desire to enter domestic service, the Committee agreed to pay the necessary fee to enable her to seek for a place through a good registry office, and obtained relief for her immediate necessities from the District in which she lived. A very good situation as a servant

was shortly afterwards secured for her through the office of the Committee, and the Committee provided her, at a cost of £2, with such clothes as she required to enable her to enter upon it.

4. Assisted by a Hospital Letter.

CASE 2117.—G. S., aged 41, was a jobbing shoemaker, suffering from consumption. He had been employed by the same master, on and off, for 7 years; but his health was so bad as frequently to disable him for work for several days at a time. His average earnings consequently did not exceed 8s. a week, and he had been compelled to discontinue payments to his club. His wife, aged 48, was a chronic invalid; and there were two children, aged 11 and 13, the elder of whom was earning 1s. 6d. a week and her food. The case came before the Committee upon an application for general assistance, the man having then been unable to work for some days, and the family being in a distressed condition. Inquiry proved that their character was satisfactory; and the Committee requested one of their members, who belonged to the medical profession, to visit the man, in order to ascertain the actual state of his health. Having by means of this gentleman's opinion satisfied themselves that a change to the seaside, with suitable nourishment (which, out of his ordinary means, the man was quite unable to procure), would be not unlikely to re-establish him as the breadwinner of the family, the Committee sent him to the Ventnor Cottage Hospital for some weeks, and in the meantime made a weekly allowance of 4s. to the family, and secured further assistance for them from the District. The man returned home very much better for his course at the hospital, and it is believed his health is permanently improved.

5. Assisted by Name being placed on Labour Register.

CASE 3872.—C. W., a widow, aged 49, applied for assistance. She had one son, aged 17, who lived with her, and no other children. Her husband, who had not belonged to a club, had died about a fortnight before, having been much out of work during the preceding two years. She consequently owed some arrears of rent, and had many things in pawn; and the expenses of her husband's funeral were partly unpaid. Her health was good, and she was earning, as a charwoman, 4s. and two days' food weekly. The son had recently got into a place at 6s. a week (on short time). She had no outdoor relief, and her character was found to be satisfactory. The Committee gave her a letter for the Society for the Relief of Distressed Widows. Her name was also placed on the Labour Register, and by this means she has had frequent employment.

6. Assisted by Loan of Sewing Machines or other Implements.

CASE 3830.—An application for temporary assistance was made by L. A., aged 47, a dressmaker of insufficient earnings, who had till very recently been suffering from a poisoned finger, which had prevented her from doing needlework for many weeks. Her husband, who was thoroughly worthless, had deserted his family some months before, having ruined a good tailoring business, which he formerly had, through drunkenness. There were four children, the

eldest of whom, aged 13, was earning 7s. a week, and the others were at school. She and her children were living with her father, who paid the rent, but was not able to assist her otherwise. A good character was obtained of the applicant; and upon ascertaining that, if she had a sewing machine, there would be a fair prospect of her earning a livelihood, the Committee granted her the loan of one. She has done very well with it, and has since been able to share with her father (whose earnings are now reduced) the payment of the rent.

CLASS II.

1. Recommended to Institutions or Local Agencies.

CASE 4001.—N. T., aged 46, a jobmaster's coachman, had recently been obliged, through illness, to give up a situation in which he had been employed by the same master for eight years, at the average earnings of 30s. a week. His wife had no occupation, and they had ten children. Of these, two were abroad; one was in domestic service, with yearly wages of £12; another was earning 5s. a week in the country; and, of the remaining six children living at home, one boy only was old enough to work. Their house (rented at £50 a year) was let off to the extent of 14s. a week; the man's sick allowance from his club amounted to 14s. a week; and the weekly earnings of the boy at home were 5s. N. T. now applied to the Committee for a letter for the Margate Sea-bathing Infirmary and expenses, towards which he stated he could himself provide 20s. only. It was ascertained that both husband and wife bore a very good character; and the Committee, on a sufficient medical certificate, granted a letter of admission to the Margate Infirmary, with 21s. towards the expenses, on condition that a similar sum was contributed out of the funds of the district in which the applicant lived; and they recommended the case for this purpose to the vicar of the parish, who paid this amount into the office. N. T. was subsequently rejected by the medical board of the Infirmary; and, as he was medically ineligible for any Convalescent Home, the Committee applied their grant and the amount so entrusted to them for the case in sending him to Margate and paying lodgings for him there for a few weeks. He returned greatly improved in health, and has resumed his former occupation.

2. Recommended to Private Persons.

CASE 3973.—K. M., aged 69, applied to the Committee for assistance. Her husband, who belonged to no club, had died a few weeks previously, after a long illness. During this period they had received outdoor relief on a large scale from the Guardians, and this was being temporarily continued to the applicant at the rate of 3s. a week. She had no children, and some arrears of rent were owing. In addition to her earnings as a needlewoman, which, in consequence of the state of her health, were very small and precarious, she received £8 a year as a church pew-opener. Her character was found to be satisfactory, and, upon the cessation of the outdoor relief, the Committee recommended her for a pension to two ladies, who are regularly allowing her 3s. 6d. a week.

CLASS III.

1. Dismissed as not requiring Charitable Relief.

CASE 4027.—An inquiry was asked by a Parochial Relief Committee into the case of T. T., who had applied to them for assistance on the alleged ground that he himself was permanently disabled from work through ill-health, and that his wife, a charwoman, had been prevented for some weeks from earning by temporary illness. Besides doubt being thrown upon the man's character, it was stated that they had a reputation of making a great deal of money by promiscuous begging, and that they had habitually the appearance of being well off. This view of the case was corroborated by our inquiry officer, finding them late one afternoon at a *sumptuous* hot dinner, and by their refusal to answer any inquiries or to allow any investigation of their affairs. The Committee considered it was sufficiently established that they did not require charitable assistance.

2. Dismissed as Undeserving.

CASE 3890.—Application for assistance was made by a District Visitor on behalf of a family in very destitute circumstances. The husband, aged 39, formerly an omnibus driver, had been out of work for eight weeks; his wife, aged 38, who had been irregularly employed for two years in a blind-making business, was also out of work, having been discharged nine months previously owing to slackness in the trade. They had no regular means of subsistence, except the earnings, amounting to 4s. 6d. a week, of the eldest of their three children. The husband was desirous that the Committee should apply to the police for the restoration of his licence, which he alleged had been suspended through no fault of his own; and his wife asked the Committee to provide her with the clothing necessary to enable her to resume work, which she stated was offered to her by her former employer. Upon inquiry, however, it was ascertained that till within the two previous months the man had earned 42s. a week continuously for several years; that during that period, and previously to it, he had been in the habit of spending a great part of his earnings in drink; that he had several times been convicted of drunkenness, and that on this account he had forfeited his licence. The wife's employer, moreover, stated that owing to the degraded condition of personal uncleanness into which she had sunk, it was impossible for him to employ her again. The case was therefore dismissed as undeserving.

3. Dismissed as Ineligible.

CASE 4002.—A. M., unmarried, aged 45, applied to the Committee for a loan to pay her passage back to Australia. She was a person of superior position and education, with no fixed home and of no settled occupation. She had formerly kept a school, which she gave up in order to go to Australia. Since her return to England she had had (amongst other occupations) a temporary employment in a Board School, and latterly for several weeks was employed as a needlewoman, with fair earnings, but a few weeks before she had been discharged, owing to slackness in the trade. At this time she was without means, and she had no relations able to assist her. In support of her application she stated that she had before done well in the colonies, and believed she would do well if she went back again; but she assigned no reason for having

returned to England. Her character was ascertained to be unexceptionable, but it was shown by strong concurrent evidence that her mind was so seriously affected as, in the opinion of the Committee, to make it inexpedient that she should be sent abroad alone. The application was on this account dismissed, and her friends were communicated with.

INQUIRIES INTO NON-RESIDENT CASES.

Under the heading of 'Reports sent out,' are included reports of 107 non-resident cases, which have been inquired into by other Committees of the Society, or by other agencies, and have been reported upon through the Committee. In 35 of these cases the statements proved, on investigation, to be false.

CASE 2212.—A gentleman forwarded to the office a well-written letter, soliciting charity, which he had received from J. G., residing in the neighbourhood of London, and he requested that the case of the writer might be investigated. He had already been applied to by her some months previously, on the plea that her husband, who had held a good situation in the city, had deserted her, and he had ascertained that this statement was true, and that her husband's late employers had given her some assistance, in the belief that her case was a sad one. She had then assured the gentleman that with some help she would be able to support herself, and that £5 would be sufficient for this purpose, and he had given her this sum. In a few days afterwards she had applied to him for further assistance, alleging that she had found her son in such distress, that she had given him part of the £5. This second application was refused, and it was followed by the above-mentioned letter. The case was then investigated, and it was ascertained that the woman was an habitual drunkard of the worst type; that on one occasion she had spent £5 which had been given her in continuous drinking; on another that she passed three weeks in the same way without taking off her clothes; that her home was in a filthy condition, and that it was in consequence of her habits that her husband had left her.

CASE 2208.—A lady asked that inquiry might be made into the case of a woman who had applied to her for assistance, stating that she had formerly been employed as a milkwoman, that her husband was a costermonger, and that they were then very badly off. It was ascertained that these statements were true; that the woman had left her employment to nurse a dying child; that she had subsequently given birth to another child; that both her husband and she bore a good character, and that their present state of destitution was owing partly to the man having been disabled by a bad leg for some months, and partly to the woman's recent illness, which had prevented her from seeking employment. Upon receiving this information the lady forwarded £2 to the office for the case, and this sum was lent to the man for the purchase of stock, through the medium of the Charity Organisation Committee of the district in which he lived. The money was repaid in full, and remitted to the office to be returned to the lady, with the information that in a few weeks after receiving this loan the applicant had been enabled to move to a better room, that he had paid up arrears of rent, had bought boots for his children, and had 20s. in hand for the purchase of stock.

The Committee have received the following Report from the Central Council regarding the General Work of the Society throughout the Metropolis :—

The Council* of the Charity Organisation Society have during the session 1876-7 held thirty-five meetings. The average attendance has been thirty-eight. At one meeting as many as sixty-eight persons were present, and at several there were more than fifty. The Council have dealt with or discussed the following important subjects amongst others :—Personal work among the Poor; Co-operation with the Industrial Classes; Out-relief; Metropolitan Medical Relief; Institutions for Idiots, Imbeciles, and Harmless Lunatics; Charitable Endowments, and more especially the St. Katharine's Hospital Charities; Soup-Kitchens; and the Suppression of the Traffic in Italian Children.

At a meeting held at the Rooms of the Society of Arts in February last, at which more than 300 persons were present, the following resolution was, after a long and interesting discussion, unanimously agreed to :—

Personal
work.

'That District Visitors, and those who are willing to work personally among the poor, be invited to co-operate as far as possible with the District Committees of the Society.'

A Special Committee subsequently considered what general rules the Council should frame for the guidance of District Committees in supplementing the Society's work by personal visitation, and on their report the following resolutions were adopted :—

'That the District Committees be recommended to enlist the services of volunteer Visitors, who shall visit, and, when desirable, keep up friendly intercourse with those persons whose cases may have been investigated at the District Office.'

'That the Visitors, in their capacity as Visitors for the District Committees of the Society, shall not act as almoners for the Committees.'

'That it be not considered necessary that the Visitors be members of the District Committees, but that they be invited cordially to attend its meetings.'

* For a sketch of the constitution of the Charity Organisation Society, see Eighth Annual Report of the Council, 1877.

‘That the Visitors be instructed to keep constantly before them the importance of establishing friendly relations between themselves and all those who may be working among the poor in connection with other agencies.’

Outdoor
relief.

The question of the changes to be made in charitable administration consequent on the reduction of outdoor relief have been discussed at length. A Special Committee has reported on the subject, and steps have been taken to ascertain what (if any) charitable institutions were, or would place themselves, in a position to meet those exceptional cases in which distress had ensued in consequence of the reduction of outdoor relief.

The St.
Katharine's
Hospital.

A memorial to the Lord Chancellor was adopted by the Council, urging ‘That such portions of the funds of the St. Katharine's Hospital as might be considered available for eleemosynary purposes would be wisely and justly appropriated for affording, under due safeguards, small pensions for the deserving and provident poor in the East of London, so as to meet any exceptional distress that might be contingent on the laudable efforts of the Guardians to administer the Poor Law on sound and well-defined principles.’

This memorial was signed by the Duke of Westminster, Earl Stanhope, Lord Richard Grosvenor, and by numerous Members of Parliament and others.

Metropolitan
Medical
Relief.

Two special meetings have been held on the subject of Metropolitan Medical Relief. At the former the following resolution was passed:—

‘That the improvement of the people of London in health and habits of thrift and independence demands that while, on the one hand, out-patient departments should be regulated so as to secure the prompt treatment of cases requiring the special resources of a hospital, on the other, free dispensaries should be converted into provident dispensaries, and new provident dispensaries should be established in proportion to the wants of the population.’

This resolution was passed unanimously at a large and influential meeting. Subsequently, in July, a meeting was held at the rooms of the Medical Society, at which a resolution was passed for the formation of a representative Committee to take into consideration the question of the introduction of the provident element in the administration of Metropolitan Medical Relief.

Institutions
for idiots.

A large deputation, composed of medical men and others, from all parts of England, waited upon the President of the Local Government Board with a view to submitting the need of training and industrial institutions for teachable idiots and imbeciles, and of

custodial establishments for the incurable. They received the reply that the President of the Local Government Board would do everything he could to advance the objects represented by them.

A deputation has also waited upon the Home Secretary to draw his attention to the prevalent traffic in Italian children, and active measures have been taken to put the law in force for the prevention of this traffic. Italian children.

The Council have again pointed out the injurious effect of free soup kitchens, and have advocated self-supporting public kitchens and coffee-houses, such as have been found successful in several large towns. Soup kitchens.

The above are some of the many questions dealt with by the Council. Besides the Special Committees, Committees on almost all the branches of the Society's work have held numerous sittings. A large number of cases have been investigated by the Central Inquiry Department. General.

PADDINGTON COMMITTEE OF THE CHARITY ORGANISATION SOCIETY. *Account of Receipts and Expenditure from 4th October 1877 to 30th September 1878.*

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
£	d.	£	d.
To Balance on General Account . . .	78 13 9	By Rent, Rates, Taxes, and Insurance . . .	91 14 6
" Less bills outstanding . . .	24 16 4	" Fuel and Light . . .	17 5 9
" Balance on account of Special Cases . . .	53 17 5	" Repairs, Fittings, and Cleaning Offices . . .	34 17 5
" Annual Subscriptions and Donations . . .	197 12 9	" Salaries . . .	284 2 1
" Contributions for Special Cases . . .	769 0 6	" Collector's poundage . . .	46 19 2
" Repayment of Loans . . .	186 19 2	" Stationery and Office Books . . .	19 11 8
" Rent of Sewing Machines, Mangles, &c. . .	20 17 6	" Printing . . .	57 1 3
" Bank Interest . . .	7 4 0	" Postage . . .	14 8 4
" Gifts repaid . . .	2 10 0	" Incidental Expenses . . .	21 18 3
	5 1 0	" Legal Expenses . . .	11 8 4
	980 12 2	" Aid:—Loans . . .	29 9 6
		" Sewing Machines, Mangles, &c. . .	11 7 1
		" Subscriptions to Institutions . . .	3 8 0
		" Contributions to Special Cases . . .	189 14 9
		" Grants . . .	163 12 6
		" Gift returned to donor . . .	402 6 10
		" Balance:—General Fund . . .	5 10 0
		" Special Contribution Fund . . .	180 17 2
			225 1 9
	£1,232 2 4		£1,232 2 4

Statement of Special Contribution Fund.

£	d.	£	d.
To Balance . . .	197 12 9	By Contributions . . .	189 14 9
" Contributions . . .	185 19 2	" Returned to Donor . . .	5 10 0
" Bank Interest . . .	2 10 0	" Balance . . .	905 4 9
	188 9 2		180 17 2
	£286 1 11		£286 1 11

Statement of Cash Balance.

£	d.	£	d.
To Cash at London and County Bank on Deposit for Special Contribution Fund . . .	150 0 0	By Cheques not yet presented . . .	29 6 0
" Do. on current account . . .	132 7 0	" Bills outstanding 1876-7 . . .	1 19 8
" Do. at Office . . .	4 7 1	" Bill outstanding 1877-8 . . .	30 6 8
	286 14 1	" Balance:—General Fund . . .	44 4 7
		" Special Contribution Fund . . .	180 17 2
	£286 14 1		225 1 9
			£286 14 1

Audited and found correct, showing a balance on the General Fund of £44. 4s. 7d. and on the Special Contribution Fund a balance of £180. 17s. 2d. The outstanding loans at 30th September amounted to £10. 12s. 6d. and the Bills outstanding at that date amounted to £39. 6s. 4d.

J. M. HENDERSON, Accountant.

3 Acornfield Street Buildings, 31st December 1878.

LIST OF
 Charities, Provident Funds, and other Agencies
 IN PADDINGTON AND A PART OF KILBURN,
 FOR THE
 Relief and Assistance of the Poor and Necessitous.

In publishing the following List, the Committee offer their best thanks to all those who have furnished any particulars on the subject. The Committee will feel obliged for any information which may tend to make future lists more complete.

RELIEF BY THE BOARD OF GUARDIANS.

The Guardians are required to relieve all destitute applicants.

The plea of destitution made to a Relieving Officer must, if urgent, be answered at once; or, if ordinary, after inquiry, and report to the Board at its next meeting.

The Guardians meet every Wednesday.

When the case is before the Guardians, the question of settlement and removability are matters for consideration, in order that one parish may not be unduly taxed for the relief of the poor of another; but the needs of the applicant are first considered and provided for.

Applicants who do not belong to the parish are generally relieved by admission into the house, pending removal to their place of settlement.

All sick persons are admitted, and placed in the Infirmary under prompt and careful medical treatment.

The House is offered to all applicants whose cases do not, in consequence of their circumstances or character, appear to the Guardians to admit of out-relief.

Persons left destitute by relatives legally bound to maintain them, are relieved by admission to the Workhouse, until the defaulting relatives can be prosecuted.

Widows left with larger families than they can support are in some cases relieved by taking some of their children into the District School at Ashford, until they find work enough to enable them to support their whole family.

When help is required in the Workhouse laundry, able-bodied women applying for relief are frequently offered work at washing, by which they are enabled to earn 2s. 6d. a-day.

The only *outdoor* relief given to able-bodied men is an order for the labour-yard, where they are employed for the most part in wood-cutting, but in some cases in stone-breaking. Payment is made (one-half in money, and one-half in kind) according to the amount of work done. A single man can earn 1s. per day, or 6s. per week; a married man can earn 1s. 4d. per day, or 8s. per week; and in case of a married man with more than three children, the amount of relief is specially settled by the Guardians.

The hours of labour are—in the summer, from 8 A.M. to 5.30 P.M.; and in the winter, from 8 A.M. to 4.30 P.M., with an hour from 12 to 1 for dinner.

Thus any man employed in the labour-yard is able to look out for regular work before 8 A.M., which is the time when employers in most of the building and other trades take on their hands.

Outdoor recipients having any children dependent on them are required to send them to schools in the parish selected by themselves, and approved by the Board; and in such cases the Guardians pay the school fees.

When there is plenty of room in the House, the Guardians frequently, in deserving cases which come into the Infirmary during a temporary illness, take care of the furniture, so that on leaving the House the home is not found to have been broken up.

The amounts disbursed during the year ending Lady Day 1878
are as follows:—

	£	s.	d.
In Maintenance and Clothing	7,785	2	7 $\frac{1}{2}$
Out-Relief	5,583	7	3 $\frac{1}{2}$
Lunatic Charges	3,841	4	4 $\frac{1}{2}$
Extra Medical Fees	76	2	6
Vaccination Fees	329	17	3
Metropolitan Asylum District Call	9,570	8	6
West London School District Call	7,382	16	10 $\frac{3}{4}$
Vagrants	276	15	4
Drugs	234	1	4
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Total spent by the Parish on the Poor	£35,079	16	1
Paid to common Poor Fund	£33,026	0	0
*Received from common } Poor Fund	14,140	0	0
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	18,886	0	0
Establishment and other expenses	6,734	8	3 $\frac{1}{2}$
County Rate paid by Board of Guardians	11,318	15	0
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Total expended by the Board of Guardians	£72,018	19	4 $\frac{1}{2}$
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No. of persons relieved—

	Half-years ending	
	Michaelmas 1877.	Lady Day 1878.
Outdoor	2,290	2,135
Indoor	1,099	1,088
Lunatics and Imbeciles	255	252
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	3,644	3,425

* This amount is for the year ending Michaelmas 1877.

The Churchwardens for the time being.

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The Ministers and Churchwardens of the Old Church of Paddington

Frank Dethridge, Esq., Clerk to the Trustees.

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To be distributed by the Churchwardens of Paddington in Meat and Bread to poor Parishioners

Distributed by the Churchwardens in small sums

Towards the keeping in repair the Tomb of the Father and Mother of the Tutor in Paddington Churchyard, the residue to be distributed to Poor Parishioners in Bread and Coal

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UNENDOWED CHARITIES.

ALL SAINTS'.

Name of Charity or Institution, and when founded	Where situated	Objects	Receipts	Expenditure		Number of persons benefited	Officers
				Money	Kind		
Living Society, 1847 in connection with the Living Society are the Ovident Fund. . . .	All Saints' Schools, Francis Street	To promote the spiritual and temporal welfare of the poorer classes of the Parish	£ s. d. 188 6 0	£ s. d. 120 5 1	£ s. d. ...	...	Treasurer, A. E. Griffiths, Esq.
Do. . . .	Do.	The encouragement of habits of providence. The amount of deposits refunded with interest at the rate of one penny in the shilling at the end of the year. From November 6, 1873, to May 1874, each worker received a shilling for work, by Ticket	...	...	...	...	Treasurer, Miss Bosc.
Do. . . .	Do.	For the School Children—three pence are added to every nine pence contributed by the children	18 14 6½	3 4 8½	15 10 3	...	Treasurer, Hon. G. Peppys.
Do. . . .	Do.	To lend Blankets in the month of November, the recipients having the option of returning them in June, or purchasing them by small instalments	...	...	...	...	Treasurer, Hon. Mrs. Carr Glyn.

ST. ANDREW'S, UPPER WESTBOURNE PARK.
(*Part of this District is in Paddington and a part in Kensington.*)

Name of Charity or Institution, and when founded	Where situated	Objects	Receipts	Expenditure		Number of persons benefited	Officers
				Money	Kind		
			1877 £ s. d.	1877 £ s. d.	1877 £ s. d.	1877	
Penny Bank in connection with the Gen. P. Office, 1877	Mission Room . .	For Men, Women, and Children . . .	128 2 10	68 4 6	...	507	Miss Whitehorne, Hon. Treas. Miss E. Thompson, Hon. Sec.
St. Andrew's Relief Com- mittee and District Visit- ing Society, 1876	Do. . .	For Sick and Aged Poor	92 11 2	71 9 2	...	...	Rev. R. Towers Miss Whitehorne, Hon. Sec.
The Provident Fund, 1870	School Room . .	To encourage provident habits by giving a bonus on sums deposited for Clothing and Fuel	55 18 11	...	...	...	Miss Blore.
The Mothers' Meeting, 1872	Mission Room . .	To give Religious Instruction, and to assist the poor Mothers in providing Clothing for their families	...	...	...	...	Mrs. Towers.
Coal Club, 1876. Boot and Shoe Club, } 1876	Do. . .	A Bonus allowed	19 5 10	...	...	...	Miss Whitehorne.
Maternity Club, 1876. . .	Do. . .	Do.	4 17 10	...	...	...	Miss E. Thompson.
St. Andrew's Infant Nur- sery, 1874	8 Golborne Gardens	... ..	200 3 3	163 18 3	...	...	Miss E. Thompson, Hon. Sec.

ST. AUGUSTINE, KILBURN.

(*Part of this District is in Paddington, and parts in Hampstead and Marylebone.*)

Name of Charity or Institution, and when founded	Where situated	Objects	Receipts	Expenditure		Number of persons benefited	Officers
				Money	Kind		
			1877 £ s. d.	1877 £ s. d.	1877 £ s. d.	1877	
District Visiting Society, 1870	...	House Visitation—Spiritual Instruction —Relief of Sick and Aged—Supply of Cooked Food at their homes	261 10 9	...	...	...	A Sister Superior of St. Peter's Community, & Second Sister of ditto, and Twenty - two Ladies under her. Sister Superior and Two Lady Assistants. Miss Jowett, 10 Victoria Village, Treasurer.
Mothers' Meeting, 1870 . .	Mission Room . .	...	44 7 4	...	...	116	
Blanket Club, 1871 . .	...	...	48 16 8	...	...	67	

Coal Club, 1872. . . . .	...	...	17 9 6	...	...	Do.
Clothing and Shoe Club, 1872	...	...	109 12 11	...	...	Do.
Penny Bank, 1871. . . . .	...	...	875 18 4	...	277	Do.
Maternity Charity, 1871. .	...	...	19 16 11	...	...	Do.
Industrial Society, 1875. .	Mission Room	Supply of Bag of Linen and the Doctor, on payment of 6s. each	104 8 1	...	489	Miss Cockell.
St. Peter's Home & Sisterhood, 1869	Mortimer Road . . .	Employment of poor in needlework . .	...	...	...	The Office Bearers of St. Peter's are :
		Care of Incurable & Convalescent Patients nursed by the Sisters of St. Peter's—Gratuitous dispensation of Prescriptions and Medicines at the Pharmacy—Sisters, who go out to nurse rich and poor—Industrial Training of Girls for Service—Mission Work				The Bishop, Chaplain, Superior, Assistant - Superior, Mistress of Novices, and a Select Chapter.
St. Monica's Home for Children, 1874	Bolton Road	Nursing Chronic Cases of Children . .	788 18 2	...	24	Miss Foster and Miss Marshall.
Orphanage of the Infant Saviour, 1866	Percy Road	Education of Orphan Girls for Domestic Service	714 1 8	...	...	Miss Boyd and Miss Phelps.
Orphanage of Mercy, 1875	Randolph Gardens .	Education of Girls with no friends whatever, taken from Workhouses &c.	1675 15 8	...	50	The Sisters of the Church.
Also a Soap Kitchen in Winter for Children's Dinners	... ..	...	229 7 6	...	2,250	

HOLY TRINITY.

District Visiting Society, 1866; in which is included	Holy Trinity Church	House to house Visitation	*480 0 0	...	...	25 Sections (chiefly Men) visited by Ladies, and the Scripture Reader.
Maternity Fund, 1866 . .	Do.	To provide Bags of Linen for Poor Women in their Confinement	...	...	...	Recommended by District Visitors.
Fund for Coal, Clothing, Blankets, and Flannel, 1866	Do.	A small Interest on deposits . . . .	...	...	...	Mrs. Bowring, Treasurer.
Penny Bank, 1866	Schools	To allow small Interest on Children's savings	...	...	...	Miss Hill, Treasurer.
Provident Savings Bank, 1876	2 Leinster Street .	To encourage thrift amongst Coachmen and their wives	...	...	81	Mr. H. F. Davis, Secretary.

* £386 of this amount has been expended in St. Paul's Parish.

HOLY TRINITY, KILBURN.

Name of Charity or Institution, and when founded	Where situated	Objects	Receipts	Expenditure		Number of persons benefited	Officers
				Money	Kind		
District Visiting Society.	...	To visit the Working Classes at their own homes	1877 £ s. d. 148 10 5	1877 £ s. d. 102 2 5	1877 £ s. d. 27 7 0	1877 ...	Hon. Secretary, Rev. H. Dixon.
Maternity Charity	To provide Medical Attendance and Boxes of Linen for poor Women. Except in cases of great destitution, applicants on being approved are required to contribute 6s. in weekly instalments of 6d., payable at the Mothers' Meeting	...	...	28 0 0	...	Treasurer & Secretary, Mrs. Alexander, 23 St. George's Road.
Work Society . . .	Girls' School, Canterbury Lane	To provide the Industrious Poor with employment during the Winter, and to supply them with well-made Garments at less than cost price of the materials.	...	...	...	...
Penny Bank	To receive Deposits from persons living in the District or connected with the Schools, and return the same with Interest at the end of the year. Interest at the rate of 1s. in the pound	897 0 0	All	...	...	Hon. Secretary, J. M. R. Todd, Esq.
Provident Coal & Clothing Club	...	To receive Deposits from persons living in the District, and return the same at the end of the year in Coals or Clothing. Interest on the amount of Deposits at the rate of 1s. 8d. in the pound	299 0 0	All	...	...	W. B. Ringham, Esq.
Christmas Dinner & Tea to the Poor	48 5 0	45 8 0	...	...

LOCK CHAPEL, HARROW ROAD.

District Visiting Society	...	The systematic visitation for the twofold purpose of Spiritual Instruction and the Temporal Relief of the Poorer Residents	76 1 1½	85 15 7½	49 5 6	...	The Lady District Visitors.
Provident Fund . . .	...	...	88 5 0	1 9 0	81 10 0	...	Do.

ST. JAMES'S, SUSSEX GARDENS.

G. T. Brooking, Esq.,
Treasurer
Mr. C. W. Garrett,
Secretary.

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ST. JOHN'S, SOUTHWICK CRESCENT.

Mrs. Thomson, 12
Southwick Place,
Treasurer.

Mrs. Ashmore, Treasurer,
18 Radnor Place
Mrs. Atkins, Secretary,
11 Oxford Square.
Mr. Craven, Secretary,
Men's Club
Mr. Vincent, Secretary,
Women's Club.

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Name of Charity or Institution, and when founded	Where situated	Objects	Receipts		Expenditure		Number of persons benefitted	Officers
			1877 £ s. d.	...	1877 £ s. d.	...		
Industrial Kitchen . . .	14 Oxford Mews	1. To instruct the Girls of the National School in Economical Cooking, and fit them for Service. Six Girls attend in rotation, alternate weeks 2. To help the Sick and Distressed among the neighbouring Poor, by supplying them with well-cooked Provisions at a cheap rate. Tea also may be had at 1s. 4d. per lb.	60 6 1	was paid by Recipients	...	...	13,174 tickets were issued.	Miss O. L. Prescott, Hon. Sec.

ST. JOHN'S, KENSAL GREEN.

District Visiting Society, 1842, comprising	Boys' School, Kensal Green	Visiting from house to house—Relief of Sick and Aged	97 5 2	...	...	...	Rev. A. G. Pemberton, Vicar Rev. A. Canney, Curate.
Provident Fund, 1844 . . . Mothers' Meeting, 1864 . . .	Do. Mission Room . . .	For Clothing and Fuel. For Reading, Prayer, and Working.					School Committee :— A. G. Pemberton, Chairman Colonel Beachcroft A. Haines, Esq. R. C. Grestovox, Esq. E. Smith, Esq. Captain Were Mr. Darbourne Rev. A. Canney, Sec.
Rebecca Gift, 1867, con- ferred by H. E. Vander- vell, Esq., in memory of the late Mrs. Vandervell Mr. Haines's Annual Gift, 1844	Vicarage, Kensal Green Do.	For Relief of 18 Poor Women for ever . Providing Christmas Dinners To encourage habits of Saving and Economy	8 5 0 10 0 0 98 11 6½ Lodged by 1,284 Depositors				
Provident Fund, 1844 . . .	School House, Kil- burn Lane						

ST. JOHN'S, CAMBRIDGE GARDENS, KILBURN.

strict Visiting	...	For the Relief of the very large number of Poor in St. John's District during the Winter months	50	8	1	44	14	2	
ternal Aid Society . .	...	...	14	16	1	...	...	...	14 9 7
up Kitchen . . . .	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

ST. MARK'S, HAMILTON TERRACE.

(Part of this District is in Paddington and part in Marylebone.)

chool of Cookery, 1875 .	Violet Hill . . .	...	182	4	4	...	...	...	Mrs. Debenham, Superintendent.
othing Club	St. Mark's Schools .	...	274	19	9	...	...	...	Miss Bagnold, ditto.
al Club	Do.	...	13	5	0	...	...	...	Mrs. Street, ditto.
ot and Shoe Club . .	Do.	...	56	4	2	...	...	...	Mrs. Adams, ditto.
thers' Meeting and	Do.	...	41	8	0	...	...	...	Mrs. Street.
Maternity Club		...				...	...	...
fant Nursery, 1873 . .	Violet Hill . . .	For children whose mothers are in work	87	17	11	...	...	2,327	Mrs. Fletcher, Superintendent.
						...	...	Attendances	

ST. MARY'S, PADDINGTON GREEN.

siting Society, 1845 . .	...	To promote the Spiritual & Temporal Welfare of the Poorer Classes of St. Mary's Parish	...	...	...	...	...	...	Rev. J. W. Buckley.
rovident Fund, 1832 .	...	To Receive and Pay Savings . . . .	...	...	...	...	...	...	Do.

ST. MARY MAGDALENE, WOODCHESTER STREET.

eedlework Society, 1866	Schools, Clarendon Street	To give Employment to the Poor at their own homes, and the Sale of Ready-made Clothing at cost price to the Poor	96	0	6	82	4	2	467
ool and Clothing Club .	Do.	Deposits collected by District Visitors; Interest, 1d. in the shilling over 5s. and up to £1	608	10	0	...	648	10 0	About 700
oot and Shoe Club . .	Girls' Schoolroom, Clarendon Street	For Children in the Schools. Interest on Deposits, 1d. in the shilling	12	6	3	14	6	8	
enny Savings Bank . .	96 Clarendon Street	... ..	209	6	10	...	...	...	240

* Those marked thus not confined to Parishioners.

ST. MARY MAGDALENE, WOODCHESTER STREET—continued.

Name of Charity Institution, and when founded	Where situated	Objects	Receipts 1877 £ s. d. 1878 £ s. d.	Expenditure		Number of persons benefited	Officers
				Money	Kind		
Chapel Guild	96 Clarendon Street	To enable persons by a small weekly payment (2d.) to secure for themselves and families Burial in Consecrated Ground	1877 £ 18 4 4 1878 £ 18 4 4	1877 £ 18 4 4 1878 £ 18 4 4	1877 ... 1878 ...	1877 44 Members entitled to Burial.	
Chapel and Benefit Club, 872	Schools, Clarendon Street	By payment of a small sum weekly to ensure a certain sum during illness. <i>Surplus</i> Funds divided amongst members at the end of every year.	328 9 1	122 9 4	...	190	
Women's Provident Fund, 873	St. Anne's House, 11 Westbury Road	Relief of the Sick and Poor from January 1878 to January 1879	...	1878 80 14 3	1878 262 12 0		
Chapel Visiting Society	Ditto						

* Those marked thus not confined to Parishioners.

ST. MATTHEW'S, ST. PETERSBURGH PLACE.

Name of Charity Institution, and when founded	Where situated	Objects	Receipts 1877 £ s. d. 1878 £ s. d.	Expenditure		Number of persons benefited	Officers
				Money	Kind		
Chapel Relief Fund . . . .	...	To afford relief in Money, Food, Clothing, Fuel, Blankets, Medical comforts, &c., to the Indigent, Aged, and Sick residents of the Parish, through the medium of the Clergy and District Visitors	1877 £ 18 4 4 1878 £ 18 4 4	1877 £ 18 4 4 1878 £ 18 4 4	1877 ... 1878 ...	...	The Clergy and District Visitors.
Chapel Provident Fund, 1869 . . . .	...	To encourage provident habits by the allowance of Interest on Sums deposited	...	...	...	...	Venerable Archdeacon Hunter, Treasurer Mr. R. Gold, Secretary. Miss Innes, 46 Portchester Terrace. Miss Green, Treasurer. 15 The Green, Plims
Chapel's Provident Fund, 1873	Parochial Schools	To promote provident habits in the Children and their Parents	...	...	...	...
Chapel's Provident Fund, 1873	Ditto	To provide for the Discharge of Adults on payment of 1d. and for Children on payment of 4d.	...	...	...	...

St. Michael's Provident Fund, 1870	...	...	...	...	100
St. Michael's Alms Fund	...	...	...	...	...
Needlework Society	14 Oxford Mews	...	...	...	...
St. Michael's Friendly Society for Women, 1865	Ditto	...	...	...	...
St. Michael's Benefit Club for Men, 1876	St. Michael's School, Star Street	...	...	...	50
St. Michael's Burial Society, 1871	...	...	...	...	...
St. Michael's Philanthropic Association, 1872	St. Michael's Infant School	...	...	...	...

Mrs. Ashmore, Treasr., 18 Radnor Place.
Mr. Vincent (at Club).
Mr. W. J. Osborne, Secretary.
Mr. Henry Cross, Secretary, 85 Star Street.
Mr. Henry Cross, Hon. Secretary.

ST. PAUL'S, PADDINGTON.

St. Paul's Parochial Relief Committee, 1877	The Mission House, 46 Waverley Road	Organised Relief of the Poor	268	0	0	193	0	0	75	0	0	190 families	Vicar, Chairman of Committee George Charles, Esq., Hon. Sec. 80 District Visitors and Mission Woman. Committee of 12 Lady Visitors (President, Mrs. Cowell) a Matron, and an Assistant Mrs. George Charles, Hon. Sec. Mrs. Lloyd, Custodian. Mrs. Cowell, Treasurer Miss Bishop, Secretary. Mrs. Cowell.
Infant Nursery	46 Waverley Road.	The care and feeding of Infants while the Mothers are at work (charge 4d. a day, 2d. a half-day)	...	...	...	...	...	...	Money £46	& Kind 17 5 ⁺	4549 ⁺	...	Mrs. Sadler, Superintendent. Mrs. Graves, Treasurer Rev. J. A. Howell, Secretary.
Maternity Fund and Clothing Fund.	46 Waverley Road. Ditto	To provide Bags of Linen Small Interest on Deposits, to encourage provident habits	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	50 450	...	...
Invalid Dinner Kitchen.	Ditto	To supply Dinners to Sick	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	0	About 40 weekly in winter months	...
Women's Working Society	Ditto	To assist Women in the purchase and making of Garments, and to influence them for good	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	0	0	...	...
Women's Sick Fund, 1874	Ditto	To secure Medical Attendance, and a Weekly Allowance during illness	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Self-supporting	43	...	...

* These are also connected with the District of St. John. † These figures show the numbers of children received in the past year

ST. PAUL'S, KILBURN.

(No Charity connected with the above.)

ST. PETER'S, CHIPPENHAM ROAD.

Name of Charity or Institution, and when founded	Where situated	Objects	Receipts 1877 £ s. d. 98 9 7	Expenditure		Number of persons benefited	Officers
				Money 1877 £ s. d. 100 11 0	Kind 1877 £ s. d. ...		
strict Visiting Society, 1866	St. Peter's Vestry	Relief of the Poor of the District during illness or temporary distress, through the District Visitors	493 2 6	493 2 6	...	1877	
ovident Fund. 1866	St. Peter's School	To receive small Deposits, and return them with a Bonus, in orders for Goods, at the end of the year	...	...	...	470	
arket Loan Society, 1870	St. Peter's Vestry	To lend Blankets during the Winter to the Indigent Poor.	...	...	...	200	
reas Society, 1868	St. Peter's School	To make Garments for the Poor, and sell at Cost Price	...	...	...	...	Miss Campbell, 20 Chip- penham Road.
ternity Society . . .	...	To assist Poor Women with Bags of Linen &c. during Confinement	...	...	...	...

ST. SAVIOUR'S, WARWICK ROAD.

strict Visiting Society .	...	To distribute the Alms collected at the Offertery, and provide Donations for the Relief of the Poor	...	...	...	...	Clergy and Lady Visi- tors.
thing Fund . . . .	...	Members have 5s. added to the amount of their payments if they deposit 12s.	...	...	...	...
100l Children's Penny bank	...	To receive small Sums from the Children attending the Schools. Interest at the rate of 1d. in the 1s. is allowed on Deposits between 5s. and £2.	...	...	...	...
ternity Charity . . .	...	Four Bags of Linen in continual use.	...	...	...	...

ST. STEPHEN'S, WESTBOURNE PARK.

Published in Vicar's Pastoral at Christmas.

Trust Visiting Society, and Provident Fund, 1856	Vestry, St. Stephen's Adult Deposits made in Vestry of the Church	Children's at the Schools	To give food and necessities in Sickness, &c., by Tickets through the District Visitors	To receive small Deposits, the amount returned in Money with Interest
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240	0	0	90	0	0	150	0	0	200 persons besides relief given in 14 Districts	Hon. Sec. of Provident Fund, Miss Julia Forster.
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Craven Hill Chapel, Craven Hill.

Craven Terrace . .	To assist Poor Married Women during their Confinement, and Garments for the Poor	To assist Poor Orphans, Widows, or Widowers, and the Poor Members of the Church	To distribute Money, Meat, Bread, and Grocery to deserving Poor, without regard to Church Membership
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...	Mrs. Hunter, 40 Gloucester Crescent.
...	Mr. Todd, 84 Craven Road.
...	Do.

Praed Street Baptist Chapel.

Praed Street . .	To give Garments and assistance in Sickness to all deserving Poor	To assist Women in Confinement with Bags of Clothing, Tea, &c.	To distribute Meat, Bread, Grocery, and Coals to all deserving Poor without regard to Church Membership	To assist poor Widows or Widowers, and any poor Members of the Church
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...	...	16	0	0	...	76	Sec., Mrs. Clifford, 61 Porchester Road, W. Treasurer and President, Mrs. Chapman, 11 Sutherland Gardens, W.
...	140	Treasurer, Mr. Towers, 120 Portadown Road North.
...	...	118	0	0	...	87	Treasurer, Mr. Morgan, 146 Praed Street, W.

Name of Charity or Institution, and when founded	Where situated	Objects	Receipts		Expenditure		Number of persons benefited	Officers
			1877 £ s. d.	1878 £ s. d.	Money 1877 £ s. d.	Kind 1877 £ s. d.		
French Protestant Evangelical Church, and Mission to the French in London and Great Britain, 1861	French Church : Monmouth Road, Westbourne Grove French Mission House : Bedford Passage, Charlotte Street, Fitzroy Square, W.	To do good to the body and to the soul of French-speaking foreigners in this country, and through them, who form a constantly moving population, to send the Gospel to the Continent of Europe, and to France especially	1877 £ s. d. 2094 18 5	1878 £ s. d. 192 13 4	1877 £ s. d. 1 0 4	1877 £ s. d. ...	It is not too much to say that by means of the different agencies at the disposal of this Church and Mission, thousands of foreigners are every- year brought into contact with the Gospel and otherwise benefited	Pastor of the Church and Superintendent of the Mission in connec- tion with it, Rev. J. M. H. Du Pont-de- la Harpe, B.D., French Parsonage, Bays- water; Treasurer to the Church, J. H. De- loime, Esq., 48 Rath- bone Place, Oxford Street, W.; Secretary to the Church, J. G. Ryfel, Esq., 109 Tavi- stock Crescent, W.; Treasurer to the Day- School and Dispensary : Gaston De Lessert, Esq., 36 Mark Lane, and Sus- sex Lodge, Addison Road, Kensington ; Secretary to the Dis- pensary, Ch. Zundel, Esq., 6 Woodstock Road, Finsbury Park, N.; Hon. Sec. to the Day School, W. de Muller, Esq.; Medical Officer attached to the Dispensary, The Baron Armand de Watteville, M.A., B.Sc., Lond., M.R.C.S. Eng., As- sistant Physician to the Hospital for Epi- lepsy and Paralysis, 15 Old Cavendish Street, W., and French Mission House,
Under the above title are to be found the follow- ing agencies for the benefit of foreigners : In Bayswater : Home for foreign gover- nesses in England. A church. An agency for foreign tutors and gover- nesses. Open every day from 1 till 5 p.m. A registry office for foreign servants of both sexes. Open every day from 1 till 5 p.m. A good circulating foreign library. A home for foreign governesses in Eng- land, with club and reading-room attached to it. In Bedford Passage, Charlotte Street, Fitzroy square : A day-school for boys and girls. An 'Ouvroir' for the relief of foreign wo- men and girls in po-	French Church : Monmouth Road, Westbourne Grove French Mission House : Bedford Passage, Charlotte Street, Fitzroy Square, W. 16 Powis Terrace, Westbourne Park, W. Monmouth Road, Westbourne Grove Ditto Ditto Ditto 16 Powis Terrace, Westbourne Park, W.	To do good to the body and to the soul of French-speaking foreigners in this country, and through them, who form a constantly moving population, to send the Gospel to the Continent of Europe, and to France especially	1877 £ s. d. 2094 18 5	1878 £ s. d. 192 13 4	1877 £ s. d. 1 0 4	1877 £ s. d. ...	It is not too much to say that by means of the different agencies at the disposal of this Church and Mission, thousands of foreigners are every- year brought into contact with the Gospel and otherwise benefited	Pastor of the Church and Superintendent of the Mission in connec- tion with it, Rev. J. M. H. Du Pont-de- la Harpe, B.D., French Parsonage, Bays- water; Treasurer to the Church, J. H. De- loime, Esq., 48 Rath- bone Place, Oxford Street, W.; Secretary to the Church, J. G. Ryfel, Esq., 109 Tavi- stock Crescent, W.; Treasurer to the Day- School and Dispensary : Gaston De Lessert, Esq., 36 Mark Lane, and Sus- sex Lodge, Addison Road, Kensington ; Secretary to the Dis- pensary, Ch. Zundel, Esq., 6 Woodstock Road, Finsbury Park, N.; Hon. Sec. to the Day School, W. de Muller, Esq.; Medical Officer attached to the Dispensary, The Baron Armand de Watteville, M.A., B.Sc., Lond., M.R.C.S. Eng., As- sistant Physician to the Hospital for Epi- lepsy and Paralysis, 15 Old Cavendish Street, W., and French Mission House,

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BAYSWATER SYNAGOGUE, CHICHESTER ROAD.

There are no Charities specially connected with the above; but the congregation annually contributes many hundred pounds to the Central Organisation designated 'The Jewish Board of Guardians,' whose offices are situated at 13 Devonshire Square, City, and which assists all the Jewish Poor in this District.

There is also another Charity whose work extends to this District, called 'The Jewish Ladies' West End Charity,' founded in 1842 to visit and relieve the poor at their own homes. Mrs. LIONEL LUCAS, of 11 Westbourne Terrace, is the Treasurer.

Bayswater Jewish School, 1 Westbourne Park Villas, admits, gratuitously, children of parents unable to pay.

THE HOLY CATHOLIC AND APOSTOLIC CHURCH, IN THE HARROW ROAD.

The Poor are cared for by the Deacons of the Church.

MOSCOW ROAD HALL.

The Charities connected with this Place of Worship are organised by the Members, and are not made public.

3. A medical mission and dispensary, where both advice and medicines are given free to poor foreigners twice a week, Mondays and Thursdays, between 1 and 8 o'clock.
4. A reading-room, open gratuitously every day from 9 o'clock a.m. till 10 o'clock p.m.
5. A flower mission.
6. A society to promote order and cleanliness among poor foreigners.
7. A mission to French shopgirls which provides for them a room where they can spend their time in a pleasant and useful way after the work of the day is done.

Name of Charity or Association, and when founded	Where situated	Objects	Receipts	Expenditure		Number of persons benefited	Officers
				Money	Kind		
up Kitchen, 1869 . .	Ranelagh Road, Westbourne Square	To give Soup to the Poor . . . . .	...	...	...	...	Mrs. Adam, 20 Elgin Road Miss Bramston, Acton Vale, W., Hon. Sec. 10 Visitors.
istrict Visitors . . .	...	To give relief by Tickets on the Soup Kitchen, and Coals and Provisions	...	...	...	...	Treasurer, Mrs. Perci- val Smith, 24 Charles Square, Notting Hill.
rovident Fund . . .	...	Depositors receive 1d. in the shilling interest on receiving the amount of their savings at the end of the year	...	...	...	...

UNITED METHODISTS' FREE CHURCH, QUEEN'S ROAD.

ceramental Fund, about 1810	Queen's Road . .	Relief of the Poor of the Church . . .	...	...	...	...	Treasurer, Mr. Flint, 25 Dartmoor Street.
angers' Friend Fund, about 1852	...	Relief of the Sick Poor generally, ad- ministered by District Visitors	...	...	...	...	Treasurer, Mr. Bell, Knightsbridge.
erous Society, about 1848	...	Sale of Clothing to the Poor at half-price	...	...	...	...	Treasurer, Mrs. White, Sutherland Gardens.
emale Charity . . .	Queen's Road . .	Loan of Clothing to Poor Women in their Confinement	...	...	...	...	Treasurer, Mrs. White, 28 Goldney Road.

ST. PAUL'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, WESTBOURNE GROVE TERRACE.

stion Fund	Westbourne Grove	Occasional Assistance of Poor of Church	...	...	...	...	Rev. Walter Morison D.D., Minister.
erous Society, 1862 . .	Do.	Clothing of Poor, chiefly of Mission Dis- trict, and other Benevolent Assistance.	...	...	...	...

WELSH PRESBYTERIAN CHAPEL, SHIRLAND ROAD.

There are no Charities connected with this Place of Worship.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL.

Bayswater Conference the Society of St. Vin- cent de Paul	The Clergy House, St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, Westmoreland Road, Bayswater	1877			1877			1877		
		122 8 8			...			115 5 1		
	Visiting the Poor in their homes, assist- ing them in Poverty and Sickness. Relief as a general rule is given in kind. The Conference has established two Penny Savings Banks, which are working well in the interest of the Poor									1877 590

President, John St. Law-
rence, Esq., 26 Lancas-
ter Road, Bayswater
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Esq., The Presbytery,
Westmoreland Road,
Bayswater
Treasurer, T. Rawlinson,
Esq., 23 St. Stephen's
Road.

WESLEYAN CHAPEL, SUTHERLAND GARDENS.

There are no Charities connected with this Place of Worship.

ST. PETER'S PARK BAPTIST CHAPEL, SHIRLAND ROAD.

The Charities in connection with this Chapel are not made public.

CANTERBURY ROAD CHAPEL, KILBURN.

There are no constituted Charities connected with this Chapel. The Members give voluntary assistance.

KILBURN HALL, EDGWARE ROAD.

There are no Charities connected with this Place of Worship.

PERCY ROAD CHAPEL, KILBURN PARK.

There are no constituted Charities to this Place of Worship.

ST. JAMES'S FREE CHURCH, CAMBRIDGE ROAD.

There are no Charities connected with this Place of Worship.

ST. LUKE'S TEMPORARY CHURCH, CANTERBURY ROAD.

Provision for this District is made by Holy Trinity, Kilburn.

Name of Charity or Institution, and when founded	Where situated	Objects	Receipts		Expenditure		Number of persons benefited	Officers
			1877 £ s. d.	1877 £ s. d.	Money	Kind		
St. Mary's Hospital, 1851	Cambridge Place	The Medical and Surgical Relief of the Poor	17,494 18 8	13,026 12 9	1877 £ s. d.	1877 £ s. d.	1877 2,064 In-Pa- tients, 15,391 Out-Patients, 240 Mater- nity Cases	Treasurers, Thos. Wm. Budd, Esq., Lewis Lloyd, Esq. Secretary, Joseph G. Wilkinson, Esq.
Female Lock Hospital, 1747	Westbourne Green, Harrow Road	For the Treatment of Contagious Venereal Diseases	6,493 14 11½	4,896 9 10½	...	...	594	G. T. F. Abraham, Esq., Secretary Resident Medical Officer, G. H. Bishop, Esq. Col. Gillilan, Hon. Sec. Mr. W. R. Mumford, Secretary and Collector Dispenser, Mr. Wall- worth.
Westbourne Provident Dispensary and Mater- nity, 1865	29 Westbourne Park Crescent, Harrow Road	To provide Medical Assistance for small Tradesmen, Domestic Servants, Work- ing Men, &c., not receiving Relief from the Parish, and unable to pay for Medical Assistance in the usual way. A small monthly subscription entitles to the benefits of this Institution	327 4 11	327 4 11	...	...	10,165 Maternity 88	Treasurer and Hon. Sec., Rev. G. F. Prescott House Surgeon, Mr. William Smith, Hon. Treasurer, Sir Francis R. Sandford Hon. Sec. Mrs. Lingen, 6 Westbourne Crescent.
addington Provident Dispensary, 1866	104 Star Street, Edgware Road	To secure Medical Advice and Attendance for a trifling monthly payment (from 4d. to 10d.)	675 18 8	637 5 8	...	...	6,258 Midwifery Cases, 160	
St. Mary's Kitchen, 1864	6 Market Street.	To provide suitable food for Outdoor Patients of St. Mary's Hospital, and Patients of the Western General Dis- pensary, who receive Orders from the Medical Officers of these Institutions	403 4 9	875 12 2	...	...	832 Pa- tients, with average of 11-9 Dinners	
Edgware Dispensary, 1861	18 Kilburn Park Road	To provide Medical Advice for the Poor at the Dispensary, and at their own homes	580 16 5	Money £444	& Kind 15 5	4,184		Drs. Best and Wilbrow, Resident Officers Chas. D. Hoblyn, Esq., Hon. Sec.

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W. H. Williams, Esq.,
Treasurer.

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Miss E. Russell, Lady
Superintendent
Hon. H. Dudley Ryder,
Treasurer
Hon. Reginald Capel,
Hon. Secretary.

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Mall East, Hon. Sec.

HOMES AND REFUGES.

To afford an opportunity to the Working
Classes of insuring for themselves
Medical Attendance when Sick, by
weekly payments all the year round

9 Bank Buildings,
Station Road, Kil-
burn

burn Provident Medi-
cal Institute, 1874

A temporary Home for destitute *House-
less* Women, after thorough investiga-
tion into character, with a view to
their obtaining employment
A Home for Servants or Needlewomen
while waiting for situations

77 Market Street,
Edgware Road

in connection with the
above is a Lodging House
for Young Women —
Terms, 6d. per night —
and a Registry for Female
servants
Home for Working Boys

77 Market Street,
Edgware Road
85, 87 Ossington
Street, Bayswater

L. Matthew's Home for
Female Orphans, 1889

To Lodge, Board, and Educate destitute
Female Orphans who have lost both
parents and completed their eighth
year; also receives a limited number
of Motherless Girls, on payment, and
trains them as Household Servants
To train Girls exposed to sin and misery,
either Orphans or those having bad
parents

59 Warwick Road,
Maida Vale, W.

Training Refuge for Des-
titute Girls, 1880
(*'Warrington House'*)

To admit Children, on an annual pay-
ment, of all ages, from all parts of the
country, and train them to become
Domestic Servants; also to educate a
small number as Teachers or Nursery
Governesses

Great Western Road,
Paddington, op-
posite Westbourne
Park Junction, Me-
tropolitan Railway

L. John's Servants' School
(formerly in connection
with St. John's Chapel,
Bedford Row), 1842

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Name of Charity or Institution, and when founded	Where situated	Objects	Receipts	Expenditure		Number of persons benefited	Officers
				Money	Kind		
St. Mary Magdalene Convalescent Home for Penitents	14 Ranelagh Road .	For Single Women previous to and after their first confinement	1877 £ 2. d. ...	1877 £ ... d. ...	1877 £ ... d. ...	1877 ...	The Rev. Dr. West, Chairman Lt.-Genl. Tremenhare, C.B., 1 Forchester Sq., Treasurer.
Widows' Home Convalescent Home, 1860 Clergy Ladies' Homes, 1863	54 Market Street . 3 Orme Square . . . 23, 25, & 27 Formosa Street, Maids Hill West, and 19 Westmoreland Rd., W.	Private. To receive Ladies (Widows and Daugh- ters of Clergy) of small income	416 7 2½	416 7 2½	...	...	Miss Reid, Hon. Sec., 18 Southwick Street, Hyde Park Rev. G. F. Prescott, Treas- urer, 17 Cambridge Terrace, Hyde Park. Hon. Sec., H. Cadman Jones, Esq., 40 Craven Hill Gardens
Annuitants' Homes, 1855	25, 27, 81, 48, 47, 49 Ossington St., 24 Kildare Ter- race, 31 Burlington Road, 95 Ledbury Road, and 21 Hol- land Street, Ken- sington	To provide Homes for reduced Gentle- women having certain incomes, of not less than £25 a year, and being mem- bers of the Church of England or Ire- land, or of some orthodox Protestant dissenting denomination	...	...	...	...	President, H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, K.G. Treasurer, E. G. Syme, Esq. Lady Superintendent, Miss Hoskin Hon. Sec., L. S. Lloyd Esq., Hon. Secs., Lady Deas, Miss Campbell Hon. Treasurer, Rev. H. Rowse.
Home for Incurable Children, 1875	83 Maids Vale . .	To provide a Home for Children under the age of 16 years, who are suffering from incurable diseases, and are conse- quently ineligible for admission into other institutions	754 12 0 Up to June 1878	858 5 4	...	18 June 1877 to June 1878	
Westbourne Park Home for Gentlewomen	6 & 7 Westbourne Grove Terrace	Retreat for Ladies in reduced circum- stances	...	...	...	...

Mount Hermon Girls' Orphan Home, 1864	47, 49, 55 Cambridge Road, Kilburn, and Cottage House, Ovingdean, near Brighton	To bring the Orphan Children to the knowledge of Our Lord Jesus Christ, and to instruct them in Reading, Writing, Arithmetic, Plain Needlework, and all kinds of Housework; cost of one child £14 per annum	1646 0 0	1610 0 0	...	125	Foundress, Miss Cole. All letters to be addressed to Miss M. A. Cole, 55 Cambridge Road North, Kilburn, N.W.
House of Rest for Christian Workers (Women), 1866	7 & 8 Cambridge Gardens, Kilburn, and 21 Hyde Gardens, Eastbourne, Sussex	<i>The House of Rest for Christian Workers (Women)</i> now consists of the following branches:— 1. A Temporary Home for Christian Workers of all Classes when needing rest, or when out of employment 2. A Permanent Home for Aged Workers 3. An Infirmary for Sick cases, with gratuitous Medical Attendance 4. A Seaside Branch at Eastbourne Teachers in Christian Mission Schools, and Widows of Missionaries, and Nurses for the Sick, are also eligible N.B.—Persons mentally afflicted, or suffering from infectious disorders, cannot be admitted Governesses are boarded and lodged, with separate bed, use of two sitting-rooms, piano, gas, firing, &c., for 15s. a week To provide a Home for necessitous Gentlemen. Payment from 15s. a week	1645 15 5	1644 17 2	...	310	All Communications to be addressed to— Miss Mason, 7 & 8 Cambridge Gardens, Kilburn Park, N.W.
Westbourne Governesses' Home, 1876	5 Sevington Street, Sutherland Gardens	Governesses are boarded and lodged, with separate bed, use of two sitting-rooms, piano, gas, firing, &c., for 15s. a week To provide a Home for necessitous Gentlemen. Payment from 15s. a week	...	...	...	...	Superintendent, Mrs. Hurd.
Home for Gentlewomen of limited means	19 Sutherland Gardens, St. Peter's Pk. W. Removed from Alexander Street Square		...	...	...	87	Foundress and Superintendent, Miss Sophia Strongt'ham.
Home for Destitute and Deserted Children	6 & 7 Kilburn Square		...	...	...	...	At the Home, 6 Kilburn Square, Miss D. Mittendorf.
In connection with the above is a Home	Country Home, St. Albans, Hertfordshire, called Kinder-garten.						
Branch Home	Haverstock Hill.						

PROVIDENT SOCIETIES AND CLUBS.

Name of Charity or Institution, and when founded	Where situated	Objects	Receipts 1877 £ s. d.	Expenditure		Number of persons benefited	Officers
				Money 1877 £ s. d.	Kind 1877 £ s. d.		
Wharfedale Female Sick and Provident Club, 1860	Wharf School, Church Place	To make an allowance in Confinement, Sickness, and at the Death of the Member or her Husband. The Funds of the Club are shared yearly at Christmas, 1s. from each Member being reserved to form a capital for the following year. Entrance Fee 6d., Weekly Subscription 6d.	...	...	...	...	Mr. Charles Gage, Secretary, 17 Ashchurch Terrace, Shepherd's Bush.
Victoria Burial and Mourning Club, 1864	Do.	Ditto, excepting Sickness	...	...	...	...	Do.
Boys' and Girls' Club	Do.	For an allowance of 25s. at death of member	...	...	...	...	Do.
Albion Provident Friendly Society, 1866	Meetings held at the 'Albion,' 52 Harrow Road	The establishment of a Fund for relieving its Members in Sickness, providing Medical Attendance and Medicine, and making provision for the Funeral Expenses, in case of Death, of a Member or a Member's Wife Funds in hand are divided at Christmas, 1s. from each Member being reserved to form a Fund for the ensuing year Entrance Fee 1s. 6d. or 2s. 6d. according to age. Subscription 7d. per week, 1s. at the Death of a Member, and 6d. at the Death of a Member's Wife	...	...	...	...	William Avis, Assistant Secretary. Mr. C. Challis, Treasurer; Mr. T. Adams, 81 Watney Road, Secretary.
Wentworth's Provident Society, 1866	Held at the 'Lord Dudley Stuart,' Douglas Place	To grant Pecuniary Aid to Members during inability to follow occupation from Sickness or Accident, and a grant not exceeding £10 at death	63 11 1	38 12 1	...	...	Mr. J. M. Guttridge, Secretary, 22 Victoria Grove, South Kensington

Name of Charity or Institution, and when founded	Where situated	Objects	Receipts		Expenditure		Number of persons benefited	Officers
			1877 £	d.	Money 1877 £	Kind 1877		
Church Extension Association, 1868	Office, 27 Kilburn Park Road	To assist Poor Missions in the Colonies.	220	8 8	...	...	1877 16 Missions, or Parishes, or Districts	Hon. Secs., Miss Ayckbourn and Mrs. Haig, 27 Kilburn Park Road, N.W.
Church Extension Ragged Schools, 1869	Shoreditch, Lison Grove, and Kilburn	To provide Religious Instruction for Ignorant and Destitute Children with Breakfast every Sunday, and Weekly Dinners during the cold weather	208	0 8	...	...	2,650 Breakfasts	Emily Ayckbourn, A.M. Thomas
In connection with above is a Convalescent Home, 1871	5 Wrotham Crescent, Broadstairs	To benefit Poor Children recovering from Illness	400	8 0	...	...	70	Do.
Orphanage of Mercy, for Workhouse Children, 1875	29 Kilburn Park Road	To provide a Home for destitute Workhouse Girls who have lost both parents	1,657	16 6	...	...	65	Do.
Invalid Dinners, 1875.	27 Kilburn Park Road	To provide Nourishing Food for those who are recovering from illness	28	17 6	...	...	500	Miss Thomas.
Ladies' Industrial Society 1867	11 Porchester Street, Connaught Square Branch: Market Pl., Alnwick	To enable poor Gentlewomen to dispose of their work.	...	...	...	...	...	Hon. Secretary, W. F. Lawrence, Esq. Assist. Secretary, Capt. C. M. McCafferty.
British Nursing Association	3A Cambridge Place	To provide efficient Nurses for Public Institutions, Districts, Towns, Villages, and Private Families	...	...	...	...	...	Hon. Chaplain and Hon. Treasurer, Rev. G. F. Prescott Head Sister, Deaconess E. Cassin.
London Diocesan Deaconess Institution, 1861	127 Tavistock Crescent and 12A Tavistock Cresc. (Nursing Home), and Branch at Westgate-on-Sea	To revive the Female Diaconate of the Church, to organise Women's Work in Nursing, Education in Schools, &c. Wards for Sick Women and Children, at the Institution	...	...	...	...	...	Hon. Secs., Mrs. Whately, 4 Southwick Crescent, and Miss Daniell, 11 Sutherland Place, Baywater.
Paddington and Marylebone Free Registries for Young Servants, in connection with the Metropolitan Association for Befriending Young Servants, 1875	207 Marylebone Road, and 61 Amberley Road, Harrow Road	To obtain respectable places for Young Girls, and to assist them, by Loans of Clothing &c., to fit themselves for Domestic Servants, and to watch over Girls placed out from the Pauper Schools	78	0 0	70 0 0	Various	Upwards of 150	

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REPORT.

IN presenting this their Ninth Annual Report to the public, the Committee regret to have to announce a falling off in the contributions made to their funds, and a misapprehension of the objects and aims of their Society. Indeed, so serious has been the deficiency in their income, especially when compared with the claims on their purse, that it was at one time doubtful whether they would be able to meet the ordinary but inevitable expenditure of the current year. By the kindness of a few friends, and by extra contributions procured by individuals who exerted themselves under the peculiar circumstances of the case, the Committee have been enabled to tide over the difficulty for the present. But they feel bound to take this opportunity of earnestly pressing on the Residents of Chelsea their claims to public confidence and pecuniary support.

This deficiency of support from the intelligent and benevolent public is not all to be accounted for or explained away by any decrease whatever in cases referred to them. On the contrary, their work has increased, is increasing, and does not show symptoms of falling off.

There was an increase of work in 1877 in comparison with 1876, as shown in figures, to the extent of 177. And the following comparative statement (for fuller details of which the reader is referred to the Appendix) still further brings out the increased extent of the operations of the Committee :—

					CASES.				
1878.					1877.				
Class I.	...	...	...	192	Class I.	...	...	...	97
„ II.	...	...	...	154	„ II.	...	...	...	140
„ III.	...	...	...	290	„ III.	...	...	...	273
Reports	...	...	...	575	Reports	...	...	...	466
Enquiries	...	...	...	228	Enquiries	...	...	...	184
Vagrants	...	...	...	65	Vagrants	...	...	...	45
Total	...	...	...	<u>1504</u>					<u>1205</u>
Increase in 1878					...	...	...	299	

The Committee cannot but feel that their action has been misinterpreted and their aims misconstrued, owing to causes entirely beyond their control.

Their own aims and objects are those of the Society when it was first founded, and they have never varied in their principles or ceased to apply them, conscientiously and equitably, to the cases of distress which came before them. To enquire, as quickly as the circumstances of each applicant would admit, into every case of alleged distress ; to procure, either from their own funds or those of other Local Agencies or Institutions, that special form of relief which seemed best fitted to the particular necessities of the individual, and to work with the Incumbents of the various districts in their division ; to act in harmonious co-operation with the Guardians of the Poor ; to repress mendicity and street-begging ; to place their whole machinery, as well as that of 38 other corresponding Committees in London, at the disposal of any lady or gentleman whose aid was solicited by the needy, the deserving, and the professional and regular writer of begging letters ; to give employment to caretakers, charwomen, and occasional workers, according to a register of ascertained names carefully compiled and kept in the office ; to assist families with letters to Hospitals and Seaside and Convalescent Homes ; by timely gifts, or by loans without interest, to enable the hard-working and deserving amongst the poor to help themselves, and to preserve or regain their independence ; to enlist the kindly sympathies and gratuitous services of ladies and gentlemen who have leisure and intelligence to bestow on one of the greatest problems of modern times ; to discourage deception and imposture ; to promote thrift, sobriety, cleanliness, and respectability—these have been the aims which the members of the Committee, jointly and severally, have steadily kept in view, and in which they are resolved to persevere so long as they have that substantial support which is indispensable to their very existence.

But, however constant may be the attendance of the unpaid workers, it is obvious that there are certain items of expenditure which the Committee must always be called on to meet.

They must rent a house, not only for the meetings of the Committee but for the office of the Agent, where he can take down the cases of the numerous applicants for relief. They must have a place for their records, books, and papers. They require funds to assist the cases of really hard-working and deserving applicants. In short, looking on these Committees as public institutions, there are some sources of expense which will always recur regularly, and which must be defrayed. But it has ever been this Committee's earnest effort to combine economy with efficiency; and if all the hours and days of unpaid labour, taken up in writing and enquiry, were to be added up, it would be found, at the end of the year, to represent a large amount of solid and practical work gratuitously performed in the interests of the public, and of charity conducted on sound, healthy, and discriminating principles.

Once more, therefore, the Committee must request the substantial co-operation of the Residents of Chelsea, unless it be the desire of the community that their work should languish or cease.

They, however, return hereby their warm thanks to those friends who have hitherto never failed in supporting them, and they take the opportunity of acknowledging the co-operation of several of the Clergy as well as that of the Guardians of the Poor. To the Chelsea Relief Society and to the Friendly Aid Society their best thanks are due.

Subjoined is a table shewing the amount given in the cases referred to. The Chelsea Relief Society during the past financial year or from October, 1877, to September, 1878, inclusive, helped them as follows :—

Cases.	Amount.
28	18 £ 5 0

From the Friendly Aid Society they have also received timely and effectual assistance.

The Committee regret to have to announce the death of their Agent, Mr. J. Marshall. He had been Agent to this Society since its formation in 1870, and his exemplary character, thorough knowledge of the habits and condition of the poor, regular devotion to

work, and generally sound judgment, have in a great measure contributed to the success which the Committee may claim as their own.

Letters for Hospitals, Homes, and Convalescent Asylums are much prized, and subscribers and friends are requested to send any they can spare to the Office.

Subscriptions and donations can be paid at the Office ; or to the Treasurer, Dr. Daniel, at his residence, 17, Oakley Street ; or to either of the Hon. Secretaries ; or to the Chairman, at their respective homes.

TABULAR STATEMENT,

Of Cases dealt with by the Committee between
October 1st, 1877, and September 30th, 1878.

CLASS I.

Dismissed as unfavourably reported on

1st. Not requiring relief	36
2nd. Undeserving	31
3rd. Cases for Poor Law, or otherwise ineligible	125
Total	— 192

CLASS II.

Recommended to

1st. Guardians	20
2nd. Institutions and Local Agencies	84
3rd. Private persons	50
Total	— 154

CLASS III.

Assisted by

Grants	81
Loans	28
Employment	45
Letters for Hospitals	136
Total	— 290

Reports sent out	575
Enquiries for other Committees	228
Vagrants dealt with	65
Total	— 868

Grand Total **1304**

Increase in 1878	299
Grand Total of previous year	1205

LOCAL CHARITIES.

ST. JUDE'S, CHELSEA (Incumbent, Rev. W. H. DALTON).—List of Parochial Charitable Institutions :—1. Clothing and Shoe Club, for children attending National Schools and residents in district ; interest, 2d. on each shilling. 2. Provident Fund, for residents in district ; interest, 1d. on shilling up to 4s. 3. Philanthropic Fund, for relief of sick and distressed poor, and paying interest on clubs. 4. Penny Bank (Manager, Mr. Wool). 5. Free School and Industrial Home for Girls. 6. Needlework Society, for supplying work to poor women at their own homes, and selling clothing at reduced prices. 7. Coal Club (Upper Chelsea Provident Relief Association) ; interest, 3d. on the shilling.

THE OLD CHURCH, CHELSEA (Incumbent, Rev. R. H. DAVIES).—1. District Visiting Society. 2. Philanthropic Sick Society. 3. Maternal Society. 4. Provident Club. 5. Sick Club.

ST. MARY'S, CHELSEA (The Rev. Canon MACMULLEN).—1. Visiting Society, for the relief of the sick and infirm poor. 2. Blanket and Flannel Society, for the distribution of those articles to the poor. 3. Lying-in Society, for poor respectable married women. 4. Orphanage for Girls.

HOLY TRINITY, UPPER CHELSEA, SLOANE STREET (Rev. F. Cox).—1. Clothing Club. 2. Provident Fund, by deposits of the poor. 3. Provident Coal Club (St. Simon's and St. Jude's unite with Holy Trinity in this). 4. Needlework Society, from sale of work, subscriptions, tickets, &c. 5. Invalid Kitchen, from subscriptions, people's pence and tickets. 6. Philanthropic Society, from subscriptions and collections in church. This Society provides relief for the sick and infirm poor ; it also supports a Lying-in Charity, and a Loan Blanket Society ; and it pays the interest on the deposits in the Provident Fund. 7. Day Nursery, supported by children's payments, and by subscriptions and donations.

ST. MATTHEW'S, CHELSEA (Rev. J. SUMNER).—1. District Visiting Society, for the relief of the sick poor. 2. Provident Club ; 1s. in the pound interest ; open 40 weeks ; allowed to deposit 1s. per week. 3. Clothing Club ; interest, 1d. in the shilling. 4. Maternity Society, for help of married women at their confinement.

ST. LUKE'S CHARITIES (Rev. G. BLUNT, Rector).—1. District Visiting Society. 2. Sick Kitchen. 3. Maternal Society. 4. Clothing Club. 5. Penny Bank.

ARTHUR STREET DISTRICT CHARITIES (Hon. and Rev. F. BYNG, St. Peter's, South Kensington).—1. Coal Club. 2. Shoe Club. 3. Clothing Club. 4. Soup Kitchen. 5. Day Nursery. 6. Maternal Society. 7. Work Society.

ST. SAVIOUR'S, UPPER CHELSEA (Rev. G. W. WELDON).—1. Philanthropic Sick Fund. 2. Clothing Club. 3. District Visitor's Society. 4. Bread and Coal Fund. 5. Day Nursery.

ST. SIMON'S, UPPER CHELSEA (The Rev. A. J. MYERS).—1. District Visiting Society. 2. National Schools, Girls and Infants. 3. Parochial Bible Mission. 4. Coal Club (with Holy Trinity and St. Jude's). 5. Clothing Club. 6. Penny Bank. 7. Maternity Society.

ST. PAUL'S, ONSLOW SQUARE (The Rev. W. WEBB PELOE).

OTHER LOCAL CHARITIES AND PROVIDENT AGENCIES.

- Industrial Home, 3, Franklin's Row.
- Infants' Nursery, 5, Blacklands Terrace.
- Chelsea Benevolent Society : Sec., Mr. Meyrick Page, 35, Fulham Road.
- Chelsea Relief Society, Vestry Hall : Sec., Mr. T. Ireland, 11, College Street, Chelsea.
- Chelsea Philanthropic Society : Hon. Sec., Mr. Matkin, 31, Radnor Street.
- West Chelsea Philanthropic Society : Hon. Sec., Mr. M. Robinson, 427, King's Road.
- Friendly Aid Society, for Chelsea and Kensington : Sec., Mr. Bridges, 3, Coleherne Terrace.
- Benevolent Loan Society, 3, Franklin's Row : Mr. Turner, Manager.
- Argyll Home for Orphan and Friendless Girls, 25, Oakley Crescent.
- Door-step Brigade Society.
- Ragged School, Exeter Buildings, Sioane Street.
- Soup Kitchen, 101, Pavilion Road.
- Soup Kitchen, Marlborough Road.

Medical Charities.

- Chelsea, Brompton, and Belgrave Dispensary (free), 41, Sloane Square.
- Hospital for Women and Children, King's Road.
- Hospital for Children, Gough House, Queen's Road West.

Chelsea Endowed Charities.

A. D.

MONEY.

- 1662-3 Cheyney, Edward.
- 1662-3 Leverett, James.
- 1680 Guildford, Richard.
- 1717 Cale, Judith.
- 1805 Burnsall, Martha.
- 1812 Abbot, Catherine.
- 1813 Gregory, John.
- 1824 Denyer, Elizabeth Dennis.
- 1833 Gibbs, William.
- 1849 Flood, Luke Thomas.
- 1850 Ashfield, Washington Cornelius, *otherwise* Winter Washington Cornelius, *otherwise* Ashfield Washington Cornelius Winter.
- 1857 Forbes, Sophia.
- 1862 Rawlings, Charles.

BALANCE SHEET, for the Year ending September 30, 1878.

INCOME.		EXPENDITURE.	
£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Balance in hand, Oct. 1, 1877	42 3 16	Rent	21 0 0
Subscriptions and Donations	195 4 0	Water Rate	1 0 0
Contribution from Peek's Fund	13 7 5	Salaries : Agent.	85 11 6
		Collector	24 16 6
		Housekeeper	2 2 6
		Repairs	0 9 3
		Postage	7 13 5
		Coals and Gas	6 4 4
		Reports, Printing, and Advertisements.	8 11 0
		Stationery	0 17 3
		Petty Charges	0 12 7
		Grants	60 12 2
		Subscriptions to—	
		Chelsea Benevolent Loan Society	5 0 0
		Chelsea Relief Society	2 10 0
		Friendly Aid Society	2 10 0
		Balance	21 4 9
	<u>£250 15 3</u>		<u>£250 15 3</u>

(Signed), R. G. MACMULLEN, Auditor.

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THE COUNCIL of the CHARITY ORGANIZATION SOCIETY desire to invite the attention of those interested in the work they have in hand, to their collection of Reports of Charities and works of reference on Poor-Law and Charity, which may at all times be consulted at the Central Office, free of charge, together with the Reports and Suggestions of the Society on various Social Questions.

The Secretary is authorised to furnish particulars with regard to Charitable Societies to persons desirous of such information.

The Council will be glad to receive letters of recommendation for Hospitals, Convalescent Homes, &c., for distribution to suitable cases, through the District Committees.

Contributions to the funds of the Council can be paid at the Central Office, 15, Buckingham Street, Adelphi; or at Messrs. COUTTS & Co.'s, 59, Strand, W.C.

Draft Orders on Bankers for annual payments, until further orders, can be supplied to any who wish for them.

Contributions for the poorer District Committees can be paid to the District Committee Aid Fund of the Council.

December, 1878.

OBJECTS.

THE Objects of the Society for Organizing Charitable Relief and Repressing Mendicity may be stated in the following terms :—

I.—To bring into harmonious co-operation with each other and with the Poor-law authorities, the various charitable agencies and individuals in the district, and thus effectually to check the evils of “overlapping” relief, caused by simultaneous but independent action.

II.—To investigate thoroughly the cases of all applicants for charitable relief, whether they are referred to the Offices for inquiry and report, or whether they apply of their own accord.

III.—To place gratuitously at the disposal of all charitable agencies and private persons the investigating machinery of the Committees of the Society, and to send, to persons having a legitimate interest in cases, full reports of the result of the investigations made.

IV.—To obtain from the proper charities, or from charitable individuals, suitable and adequate relief for deserving cases.

V.—To assist from its own funds, or in the form of loans, all suitable cases for which adequate assistance cannot be obtained from other sources.

VI.—To repress mendicity by the above means, by the gratuitous distribution of Investigation Tickets, and by the prosecution of impostors.

VII.—To afford the public at large information regarding the object and mode of working of existing charities.

VIII.—To promote, as far as possible, the general welfare of the poor by means of social and sanitary reforms, and by the inculcation of habits of providence and self-dependence.

LIST OF DISTRICT COMMITTEES OF THE CHARITY ORGANIZATION SOCIETY.

DIVISIONS.	OFFICES AND HOURS.	DIVISIONS.	OFFICES AND HOURS.
WEST.		EAST—continued.	
Kensington ...	42, Church Street, W. ... { 1.0 to 6.0	Whitechapel Union and {	194, Commercial-road, E. ... { 10.0 to 11.0
Fulham Union ...	56, Hammersmith-road, W. ... { 10.0 to 12.0	St. George-in-the-East {	5.0 to 6.0
Paddington ...	20, Westbourne-park-terrace, { 10.0 to 12.0	Stepney Union ...	3, Abour-cottages, Abour- { 10.0 to 11.0
Chelsea ...	Harrow-road, W. ... { 3.0 to 5.0	St. George-in-the-East {	street, East Commercial-rd. { 4.0 to 6.0
St. George's Union ...	5A, Blacklands-terrace, { 10.0 to 12.0	Mile End Old Town ...	Do. do. do. { 10.0 to 11.0
St. James's and Soho {	King's-road, S.W. ... { 4.0 to 5.0	Poplar Union ...	129, East India Dock-road, E. { 4.0 to 5.0
(Westminster Union) {	48, Buckingham-palace-road, { 10.0 to 6.0	SOUTH.	
NORTH.	46, Berwick-street, Soho, W. 11.0 to 1.0	St. Saviour's, Southwark...	9, St. George's-circus, S.E. ... 11.0 to 1.0
St. Marylebone ...	151, Marylebone-road, W. ... { 10.0 to 12.0	Newington... ..	230, Walworth-road, S.E. ... 10.0 to 12.0
Hampstead ...	Corner of Church-lane, High- { 10.0 to 12.0	St. Olave's Union, {	172, Tooley-street, S.E. ... 12.0 to 2.0
North St. Pancras and {	street, N.W. ... { 4.0 to 5.0	Southwark ...	853, Kennington-road, S.E. ... 10.0 to 1.0
Highgate ...	120, Highgate-road, N.W. ... { 10.0 to 12.0	Lambeth ...	21, Elizabeth-st., Cornwall- { 10.0 to 1.0
South St. Pancras ...	17, Woburn - buildings, { 4.0 to 5.50	Brixton ...	road, Brixton-hill, S.W. ... 10.0 to 1.0
Islington ...	Easton-road, W.C. ... { 4.30 to 5.30	Wandsworth and Putney...	The Plain, Wandsworth, S.W. { 10.0 to 12.0
Hackney ...	8, College-street Barnsbury, N. { 10.0 to 12.0	Battersea ...	175, High-street, S.W. ... { 9.0 to 12.0
CENTRAL.	Old Town Hall, E. ... { 11.0 to 3.0	Clapham ...	78, Bromell's-road, S.W. ... { 10.30 to 12.0
St. Giles's & Bloomsbury.	7, Arthur-street, New Oxford- { 10.0 to 12.0	Camberwell ...	1, Grove-lane, and ... Peck- { 10.0 to 2.0
Strand Union ...	street, W.C. ... { 5.0 to 6.0	Greenwich ...	Meeting House-lane, and ... { 10.0 to 12.0
Holborn ...	13, Beaufort-buildings, W.C. { 10.0 to 6.0	Deptford ...	14, Haddington-terrace, { 10.0 to 12.0
City of London Union ...	14, Myddleton-st., Clerkenwell { 10.0 to 12.0	Woolwich Union ...	Mission Hall, King-street, { 10.0 to 12.0
EAST.	E.C. ... { 4.0 to 6.0	Lewisham ...	Broadway, S.E. ... { 2.0 to 4.0
Shoreditch... ..	4, Bury-st., St. Mary Axe, E.C. { 10.0 to 4.0	Eltham ...	5, Eleanor-road ... { 4.0 to 6.0
Bethnal Green ...	56, St. John's-road, Hoxton, N. { 11.0 to 1.0	Sydenham ...	Lee Bridge, S.E. ... { 10.0 to 6.0
	297, Bethnal Green-road, E. ... { 9.30 to 10.30		High-street, S.E. ... { 10.0 to 12.0
			The Dispensary, Forest Hill, { 12.0 to 2.0
			S.E. ... { 4.0 to 5.0

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ST. GEORGE'S (HANOVER SQUARE) AND WESTMINSTER CHARITY ORGANISATION COMMITTEE.

The Committee consists of a Chairman and Fifty Members, together with Associates, number unlimited.

The Clergy and Ministers of all Denominations, officiating in the District, are Associates *ex officio*.

Associates can attend all Meetings of the General and Inquiry Committees, but no notices are sent to them of Special Meetings unless they are regular attendants.

The General Committee meets every Wednesday Evening at 5 P.M.

The Inquiry Committees (two) meet every Week-day Evening at 5 P.M.

The Honorary Secretaries usually attend at the Office daily between 11 and 1.

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REPORT.

THE past year, as far as charity organisation in this district is concerned, has been uneventful; the regular work of the Society, however, has continued, as heretofore, without diminution. Much has been done to consolidate it, and the Committee believe that the principles so strenuously advocated by the Charity Organisation Society—of full and careful investigation followed by adequate relief, in contradistinction to a spasmodic and unreflective distribution of doles—are spreading slowly but surely in every direction throughout the district; this shows how thoroughly the course recommended is appreciated by those on whom falls the burden of dealing with a vast population of helpless poor in so large a capital as London.

The task which those who have enrolled themselves in our Society have undertaken is no light one, and can only be carried on by continued and hearty perseverance. We say 'hearty' because success in our work demands heartiness in every sense of the word, not the least in a hearty sympathy with the suffering which it is our object to relieve. Our experience in the district proves how powerful a leverage is supplied by the influence of religion; charity divorced from religious motive may be said scarcely to exist among us; hence it is a cause of congratulation to the Society that it is one of its first principles to establish a system of intercommunication between all those, of whatever religious denomination, who are engaged in the work of charity. We are thankful for our success hitherto in this direction, and are anxious for a continuance and increase of the confidence with which we have been met by those residents in our district who, engaged in charitable work, though differing in religious opinion from each other, have found a common centre in our office to carry on the work of charity effectively and successfully.

Co-operation.

We have often been charged with a heartless and irreligious dealing with the sufferings of those in distress. This is wholly

undeserved, and it is a sufficient refutation to refer to the close co-operation we receive from the different religious bodies in the district, among the most active members of which are those who on this Committee are actually doing the work of this Society.

Paid Agents.

The notion of unsympathising action on our part no doubt arises from our rule of employing paid agents to make the necessarily searching inquiries into the cases of distress that come before us; a moment's consideration, however, will show that, for the work to be done efficiently and well on so large a scale as that with which we have to deal, these are the only means by which it can be done effectually and without interruption. The fact that agents are paid officials need not be a reproach, any more than being paid is a reproach to the schoolmaster, the physician, or the minister of religion. It should also be remembered that these paid agents act in strict subordination to the Committee, by whom their action is closely revised, and, when the occasion requires, members of the Committee themselves undertake the inquiry.

Our duty then, as we view it, is to do that for the public which individuals can scarcely ever do for themselves, viz. to ascertain the real truth as to each applicant for their charity. Charitably disposed persons are thus put into a position of forming a proper judgment on each case as it comes before them, to the real advantage of themselves and the recipient of their bounty.

Advantages of Investi- gation.

It is no part of our plan to do people's charity for them, but simply to enable them to do it discreetly themselves. In fact, our aim has ever been to make our offices centres of information rather than of direct action. This information is only to be acquired little by little; we receive, and distribute again. We are far from setting ourselves up as wiser than our fellows; we are both learners and teachers. The information we collect we wish to impart to others also. But with the numbers* of individual cases that come before us, it is not surprising that we are enabled to see where good and where harm is likely to result from a particular course of action. When misfortune has overtaken a man, the simplest and readiest way of assisting him, in ninety-nine cases out of a hundred, would be to hand him a sum of money, and so enable him to retrieve his fortunes. But will this be the best thing for the man himself in the long run? Will it not break down his self-dependence? And, still worse, will it not lead the way to loss of independence in others? For instance, if a man

* Since 1869, 18,839 applications have been carefully considered by this Committee.

loses all his furniture by fire, and his friends immediately collect the money to make good his loss, will not his neighbour say, 'Well, what is the use of my paying year by year so much to an insurance office? If my house is burnt down no doubt friends will help me as they have my neighbour.' Does not this show how inconsiderate gifts may often do more harm than good?

On the other hand, thorough investigation into all the circumstances, and careful, sympathising consideration of those circumstances, will suggest many ways of assisting people other than giving money.* And though those ways will differ in almost every case, yet the information gained by dealing with a large number of cases will not only guide us, in dealing with the individual case under notice, but will indicate the way of improving the whole class. The more, therefore, this office is made a centre of intercommunication as to the distribution of 'beneficent charity,' the more hope there is of permanent good being done. Our doors are always open, and the information we have gained is freely open to all.

It was said above that we had been glad to observe signs of steady progress; and though, as a Committee, we lay no claim to the merit of the good work done, yet in every one of the following undertakings individual members are more or less interested. We are therefore happy to be able to draw attention to the Coffee Tavern and Provident Dispensary movements; the establishment of a Parochial Council in the mother parish of St. George, Hanover Square; the commencement of houses of refreshment especially intended for women; and the societies for the benefit of young women. We may also add, as being in the district, though its

Signs of
progress.

* X. Y., after having been for two years an in-patient of more than one Hospital for Consumption, applied for a letter to Bournemouth. But it occurred to the Committee that if he were in a climate like the Cape of Good Hope he might find both health and employment. With this view inquiry was set on foot to ascertain whether the Cape was a proper climate for this particular case, whether he would be likely to find employment, and how he could be got out there. Some fifteen or sixteen letters were exchanged, and it was found that the climate was likely to be favourable, and that he could earn £3 a month with board and lodging. A member of the Committee got permission for him to work his passage out on board one of the Cape steamers. His club gave him a grant of £2 towards his outfit, and the Committee advanced £2 more. In July he sailed. Last month he wrote announcing his safe arrival; everyone had been very kind to him, and he had got a situation at £5 a month wages, so that he proposed returning the £2 to the Committee by the next mail.

operations are not connected with it, the opening of a Soldier's Home at No. 170 Buckingham Palace Road.

Coffee
Taverns.

With regard to Coffee Taverns, while our last year's report was in the printer's hands we were able to insert a notice of two Coffee Taverns having been opened in Westminster, making three in the district. The 'Rose and Crown,' Knightsbridge, being the oldest, demands the first notice. By their report for the year 1877, we find that in this first year of its existence a net profit of £135. 18s. 10d. has been realised, being rather more than $6\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. on the original outlay. Financially therefore, it is a success; nor do we think it is less so in other respects. The class of people for whom it was intended appear to use it, and while £2,939. 10s. has been paid by them over the counter, they have been saved from the evil influences too common in the ordinary public-house. The 'Rose and Crown' rooms in the adjoining house contain accommodation for twenty-five lodgers and a large hall where religious meetings and social entertainments are held; but this part of the premises is kept quite separate from the public-house.

The 'Chimes,' in Great Smith Street, and the St. 'Margaret's Coffee House,' in Lewisham Street, are both reported as continuing to do a good trade, but no accounts have as yet been published. In the upper rooms of the latter a club has been established, and many of the members have become contributors to a Provident Fund. We may mention that the 'Rose and Crown' is under the management of a Committee composed about equally of ladies and gentlemen, while the 'Chimes' and 'St. Margaret's Coffee House' are entirely in private hands, and we believe have not appealed to the public for support. The Coffee Tavern Company are also quite ready to establish a house in the district if suitable premises could be found.

Provident
Dispensaries.

With regard to the general question of Provident Dispensaries, we would draw attention to the action taken by the Central Council of the Society. But we think that the following facts will show that progress is being made in this district.

On the books of the Royal Pimlico Dispensary there were, by the last report, 5,875 enrolled members, being an increase of 664 over the previous year; and they add: 'The amount of members' payments has been more than doubled in five years.' On the books of the Western Dispensary there were 710 enrolled members, being an increase of 274 over the previous year; and in the first eight months of this year 422 new members have joined, as against 308 in the same period of 1877.

In the St. George's (Hanover Square) Dispensary the progress in this respect has not been so marked. The amount received from members in 1876 was £166. 13s. 5d., and in 1877 £183. 0s. 10d., showing an increase of £16. 7s. 5d. Still the Committee cannot help observing that the amount thus received is only about one-fifth of the total income.

We are glad to find that in the newly established Parochial Council in the mother parish, which is amalgamated with the Grosvenor Mews Visiting Association, the subject of the encouragement of provident habits is brought prominently forward. In the Report for 1877 it is stated that £820. 6s. 11d. had been contributed by the poor to the various funds. In St. Peter's, Eaton Square, a Provident Fund was established in 1877, and we learn that 316 new members have joined this year, making a total of 573.

St. George's
(Hanover
Square)
Parochial
Council.

The past year has seen the commencement of that which we trust will be a most useful institution for the benefit of the female portion of our neighbours. 'The Princess House,' or 'Restaurant for Women,' has opened its doors at 106 Brompton Road, and provides a much needed resort for women and girls employed in shops, or otherwise compelled to take their meals away from home. Nor, in this respect, has the northern part of the district been much behind, for No. 30 Mount Street is now being fitted up as a Club for young women, members of the Girls' Friendly Society. In our district, too, is found the central office and lodge of the Girls' Friendly Society, at 245 Vauxhall Bridge Road, where a room is open for members on Saturday and Sunday afternoons. Under the same roof the St. Peter's Branch has its home; while the St. George's Branch is found at 4 Lupus Street; this branch is especially intended for girls employed in the Government Clothing Dépôt, the Co-operative Stores, &c. The Ladies' Guild have established a dépôt for the sale of work done by ladies in reduced circumstances, at 78 Buckingham Palace Road.

Houses of
refreshment
for women.

We cannot conclude our report without expressing our great regret at losing the valuable services of Mr. Moreton, one of our Honorary Secretaries, who has gone to Canada as Private Secretary to the Governor-General.

CASES DECIDED BY THE DAILY INQUIRY COMMITTEES.

Note.—The G. Committee deals with all cases residing in the old Union of St. George's, Hanover Square, and with all business connected with applicants resident out of the Union. The W. Committee deals with all cases residing in the Parishes of St. Margaret and St. John, Westminster, which were annexed to St. George's Union in 1870.

CLASS I.—*Includes all cases not considered suitable for charitable assistance.*

Dismissed, or unfavourably reported on, as—

	G. Committee	W. Committee	
1. Not requiring relief	45	66	
2. Undeserving	11	47	
3. Cases for Poor Law, or otherwise ineligible	137	275	
Class total	193	388	581

CLASS II.—*Includes all cases for which relief is obtained.*

Recommended to—

1. The Guardians	1	11	
2. Institutions or Local Agencies	43	118	
3. Private persons	33	27	
Class total	77	156	233

CLASS III.—*Includes all cases directly assisted by the Committee.*

Assisted by—

1. Grants	82	194	
2. Loans	11	44	
3. Employment	2	2	
4. Letters for Hospitals	19	35	
Class total	114	275	389
Grand total	384	819	1,203

ANALYSIS OF THE GRANTS, SHOWING THE VARIOUS WAYS IN WHICH MONEY WAS EXPENDED.

	G. Committee	W. Committee
For support during illness . . .	32	53
For fares to Convalescent Homes . .	9	39
To redeem and purchase tools or clothes	16	61
Assistance to take situation . . .	4	12
To obtain surgical instruments . .	4	11
To purchase stock, mangles, &c. . .	1	3
To obtain certificates of birth . .	...	2
To pay club arrears	1	...
Pending inquiry	12*	7†

ANALYSIS OF THE LOANS.

	G. Committee	W. Committee
To redeem clothing from pledge or purchase	7	26
To purchase or replenish stock . . .	3	12
For support during illness . . . .	...	3
For fares to Convalescent Homes . .	...	1
For funeral expenses . . . . .	...	1
To pay rent	1	...
To purchase sewing machine	1	...

* Of these one was repaid ; nine turned out satisfactory

† Of these six turned out satisfactory.

MISCELLANEOUS WORK.

Reports on cases in the district	469
Reports on cases of non-residents	549
Appeals considered ineligible	46

Total	<u>1,064</u>
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Inquiries for other Committees—

At previous addresses	59
Of former employers	151
Of references	76

Total	<u>286</u>
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Vagrants and Homeless Persons—

Referred to the Relieving Officer	32
Assisted with bread and referred to Relieving Officer	8
Refused to answer questions	7

Total	<u>47</u>
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Honorary Secretaries' work—

Number of letters received	1808
" " written	3874
Number of interviews	65

APPENDIX I.

POOR LAW RELIEF.

The Union of St. George's, Hanover Square, is divided into seven separate Districts, each of which has a Relieving Officer attached as follows :—

- A DISTRICT: Comprising the parishes of St. George's, Hanover Square, Hanover Church, St. Mark's, North Audley Street, Christ Church, Mayfair. *Officer*, J. Joslin. *Office*, Mount Street Workhouse. *Hours*, 9 to 11 and 3 to 4.
- B DISTRICT: Comprising St. Paul's, Knightsbridge, Holy Trinity, Knightsbridge, All Saints', Knightsbridge, St. Peter's, Eaton Square (part of), St. Michael's (part of), St. Andrew's, Victoria Street (part of). *Officer*, J. Wray. *Office*, Mount Street Workhouse. *Hours*, as above.
- C DISTRICT: Comprising St. Saviour's, St. Gabriel's, St. James-the-Less (part of), Holy Trinity (part of). *Officer*, W. H. Bell. *Office*, 181 Buckingham Palace Road. *Hours*, as above.
- D DISTRICT: Comprising St. John's, Westminster (part of), St. Mary's, Vincent Square, Holy Trinity (part of), St. James-the-Less (part of), St. Stephen's, Westminster (part of). *Officer*, W. Halton. *Office*, 181 Buckingham Palace Road. *Hours*, as above.
- E DISTRICT: Comprising St. John's, Westminster (part of), St. Matthew's, (part of), St. Margaret's (part of). *Officer*, A. Mackenzie. *Office*, 67 Horseferry Road. *Hours*, as above.
- F DISTRICT: Comprising St. Margaret's (part of), Christ Church, St. Matthew's (part of). *Officer*, R. B. Hannant. *Office*, 67 Horseferry Road. *Hours*, as above.
- G DISTRICT: Comprising St. Barnabas', St. Michael's (part of), St. Peter's (part of), St. Andrew's (part of), St. Stephen's (part of). *Officer*, J. West. *Office*, 181 Buckingham Palace Road. *Hours*, as above.

APPENDIX II.

LIST OF CHARITABLE AGENCIES.

THE Committee request the aid of those interested in these agencies to point out any errors or omissions they may observe in the following lists.

ST. GEORGE'S (HANOVER SQUARE) PARISH.

NAME.	ST. GEORGE'S.	OBSERVATIONS.
Parochial Council (Church of England)		
Coal Club		
Clothing Club		Managed by a Committee. 18 Grosvenor Mews.
Blanket Club		
Provident Club		
Industrial Kitchen		
Needlework Society		Grosvenor Chapel School Room.
Dispensary, Provident		59 Mount Street, W.
Branch of Girls' Friendly Society		4 Lupus Street, S.W.

Relief administered by means of Tickets for Meat, Grocery, &c., by the Visitors attached to the District Visiting Association.

HANOVER CHURCH, REGENT STREET.

Association for the Relief of the Poor. Vestry of the Church.

Also participates in the St. George's Parochial Council.

ST. MARK'S, NORTH AUDLEY STREET.

Association for the Relief of the Poor.	Vestry Room of the Church.
Parochial Loan Library	
Needlework Society	Ladies' Parish Room, St. Mark's Buildings.
Coal Club	
Clothing Club	
Loan Blanket Club	
Penny Bank	School Room.
Shoe Club	
Lying-in and Maternity Charities	Vestry Room.
Working Men's Club	Club Rooms, St. Mark's Buildings.

The alms are chiefly administered by tickets for Meat &c., issued at the Vestry. The whole of the Poor Funds are under the management of the Vicar

NAME.	CHRIST CHURCH.	OBSERVATIONS.
Parochial Association for the Relief of the Poor	}	Managed by a Committee. Mission House, 6 Derby Street, May Fair.
Coal Club		
Clothing Club		
Loan Blanket Club		
Lying-in Charity		
Penny Bank		
Temperance Society		
Working Society and Clothing Club, in connection with Mothers' Meeting		
Free Library and Reading Room	}	Market Street Mews.
Home School for Orphan Girls		
There is a Nurse to attend to the Sick Poor of the District.		

ST. PAUL'S, WILTON PLACE.

Parochial Council (Church of England)	{	Hon. Secs.: C. Liddell, Esq., Vicarage, Wilton Place, S.W., and F. W. Glasier, Esq., 1 Park Side.	
Coal Club		{	16 Kinnerton Street, S.W.
Loan Blanket Society	{		184 Ebury Street, S.W.
Provident Society . . . . .				{	Mrs. Liddell, 40 Chester Square.
Lying-in Charity	{	School Rooms, Wilton Place.	
Dispensary (St. Paul & St. Barnabas)			{	12 Commercial Road, S.W.
Needlework Society	{	Mrs. Liddell, 40 Chester Square.	
Clothing Charity			{
Penny School Club	{		
House of Refuge for Penitent Women			{
Work Society	{		

HOLY TRINITY.

Clothing Club	Managed by the Clergy.
Coal Club	

ST. PETER'S, EATON SQUARE.

Parochial Council (Church of England)	}	Hon. Sec.: Hon. H. Butler, 7 Chester Place, S.W.
Provident Fund		1 Buckingham Place, S.W.
Needlework Society	}	Schools, Belgrave Street South.
Lying-in Charity		
Penny Bank	}	Belgrave Road, S.W.
Day Nursery		Little Chester Street.
Parochial Kitchen	}	245 Vauxhall Bridge Road
Branch of the Girls' Friendly Society		

ST. MICHAEL'S, CHESTER SQUARE.

District Visiting Society	}	Managed by the Vicar. Mission House Cottage Road.
Provident Fund		
Coal Club		
Needlework Society		
Soup Kitchen		
Maternity Society	}	Buckingham Palace Road,
Soldiers' Home		

ST. MICHAEL'S, CHESTER SQUARE—cont.

NAME.	OBSERVATIONS.
Dispensary	1 Eccleston Street, S.W.
Young Men's Institute	Schools, Ebury Square.
Farthing Club	} Industrial Schools, 1 Cottage Road.
Children's Working Class	
Total Abstinence Society	} St. Michael's Schools.
Band of Hope	

ST. BARNABAS, PIMLICO.

Parochial Council (Church of England) {	Hon. Sec. : J. Jarvis, Esq., 45 Pimlico Road, S.W.
Lying-in Charity	} Parsonage.
Loan Blanket Charity	
Burial Society	Guild Rooms, 187 Ebury Street.
Friendly Society for Young Women	3 Bloomfield Place, S.W.
Orphanage	Bloomfield Place, S.W.
Home for Aged Communicants	1 Bloomfield Place, S.W.
Penny Bank	} Infant School.
Provident Society	
Provident Dispensary (St. Paul and St. Barnabas)	184 Ebury Street.
Refuge for Fallen Women	Stone House, Commercial Road, S.W.
Work Society	Mrs. Liddell, 40 Chester Square.

Relief also administered by a private Association under the direction of persons not connected with the Church.

ST. GABRIEL'S, WARWICK SQUARE, PIMLICO.

District Visiting Society	} Vestry of the Church. Managed by the Vicar.
Penny Bank	
Provident Fund	} School Room.
Boot and Shoe Club	
Needlework Society	} 55 St. George's Road.
Blanket Club	
Lying-in Charity	} 94 Gloucester Street, S.W.
Coal Club	

ST. SAVIOUR'S, ST. GEORGE'S SQUARE, PIMLICO.

Association for the Relief of the Poor {	} Managed by the Vicar. Vestry of the Church.
Provident Club	
Blanket Club	
Maternity Society	
Needlework Society	Schools, Glasgow Terrace, S.W.

ST. JOHN'S (WESTMINSTER) PARISH.

ST. JOHN'S, WESTMINSTER.

Association for the Relief of the Poor	Vestry of the Church.
Soup Kitchen	Lewisham Street, S.W.
Hostel and Kitchen	York Street.
Needlework Society	Girls' School, Tufton Street.

ST. JOHN'S, WESTMINSTER—*cont.*

NAME.	OBSERVATIONS.
Coal Club	2 Barton Street, S.W.
Clothing Club	} Vestry of the Church.
Blanket Club	
Provident Club	
Dispensary	Broadway, S.W.
Lying-in Charity	Vestry of the Church.
An Annual Report is published.	

ST. MARY'S, VINCENT SQUARE.

Tothill Fields Local Committee, attended by persons of all denominations	} Hon. Sec. : Mrs. Collins, 44 Vauxhall Bridge Road.
Loan Blanket Club	
Provident Club	} Vestry.
Needlework Society	
Lying-in Charity	44 Vauxhall Bridge Road.
	7 Vincent Square, S.W.

ST. STEPHEN'S, ROCHESTER ROW.

Association for the Relief of the Poor	} Managed by the Vicar. Vicarage, Vincent Square.
Coal Club	
Provident Club	
Lying-in and Maternity Charities	} Mission House, 3 Upper Tachbrook Street, S.W.
Soup Kitchen	
Hostel and Kitchen	
Clothing Club	} 18 Broadway, S.W.
Dispensary	
Church Workers' Guild	Vicarage, Vincent Square.

HOLY TRINITY, VAUXHALL BRIDGE ROAD.

Association for the Relief of the Poor	Vestry of the Church.
Needlework Society	National Schools.
Clothing Club	Sunday Schools.
Coal Club	} 44 Vauxhall Bridge Road.
Loan Blanket Club	
Provident Fund	} Mission House, 27 Vauxhall Bridge Road.
Lying-in Charity	
An Annual Report is published.	

ST. MATTHEW'S, GREAT PETER STREET.

Parochial Council (Church of England)	} Hon. Sec., Miss Meugens, Mission House, Great Peter Street.
Association for the Relief of the Poor	
Needlework Society	} Church Tower Room.
Loan Blanket Club	
Lying-in Charity	
Boat Club	} St. Matthew's Schools, Great Peter St.
Provident Club	
Infant Nursery	} Tower Room, on Mondays, from 10.30 to 11.30 A.M.
Dispensary	
	Infants' School Class-room.
	18 Broadway, S.W.
An Annual Report is published.	

ST. JAMES THE LESS, UPPER GARDEN STREET.

NAME.	OBSERVATIONS.
Association for the Relief of the Poor	Managed by the Vicar. Mission House, 53 Lillington Street.
Soup Kitchen	
Invalids' Kitchen	Schools, Upper Garden Street.
Needlework Society	
Clothing Club	
Provident Club	26 Upper Garden Street.
Loan Blanket Club	
Infant Nursery	9 Moreton Street, S.W.
Lying-in and Maternity Charities	

ST. MARGARET'S (WESTMINSTER) PARISH.

ST. MARGARET'S.

Association for the Relief of the Poor	Managed by the Vicar. Vestry of the Church.
Soup Kitchen	
Needlework Society	National Schools, New Tothill Street.
Coal Club	
Clothing Club	Mission Room, New Tothill Street.
Loan Blanket Club	
Provident Club	
Penny Bank	Vestry of the Church.
Sewing Classes	
Lying-in and Maternity Charities	

CHRIST CHURCH.

Christ Church Visiting Society .	Managed by the Vicar. Vestry of the Church.
Industrial Kitchen	
Clothing Club	Mission House, 36 York Street, S.W.
Needlework Society	
Coal Club	St. Margaret's National Schools, Tot- hill Street.
Provident Club	
Shoe Club	Schools, Gardener's Lane, York Street.
Dispensary	
Sick and Burial Clubs	Broadway, S.W.
	Mission Hall, Queen Anne's Gate.

ST. ANDREW'S, ASHLEY PLACE.

The Charities of this District are the same as those of the Mother Church, St. Margaret's (Westminster), with the exception of a—

Provident Club Vestry Room of the Church.

ALL SAINTS', KNIGHTSBRIDGE .

District Visiting Association	Vestry.
Needlework Society	Managed by the Vicar. School Room.
Working Men's Club	
Coal Club	
Clothing Club	
Loan Blanket Club	10 Montpelier Row, Brompton Road.
Lying-in Charity	
Dispensary	

BAPTIST.

CARMEL, WESTBOURNE STREET, S.W.

No return of the Charities connected with this Chapel received.

REHOBOTH, PRINCES ROW, S.W.

No return of the Charities connected with this Chapel received.

CATHOLIC (ROMAN).

Farm Street, Society St. Vincent de Paul	}	Almoner: C. Crawley, Esq., 10 Albe- marle Street, W.
St. Mary's, Horseferry Road		
St. Peter's and St. Edward's, Palace Street, S.W., Society St. Vincent de Paul	}	Almoner: Wegg Prosser, Esq., 84 Eccleston Square, S.W.

INDEPENDENTS.

BUCKINGHAM CHAPEL, PALACE STREET, S.W.

Dorcas Society Chapel.
Communion Fund for the Poor

ECCLESTON SQUARE (CONGREGATIONAL) CHURCH, BELGRAVE ROAD, S.W.

Soup Kitchen	}	Vestry of Church, Berwick Street.
Benevolent Society		
Clothing Society		
Infants' Friend Society		

ROBERT STREET (GROSVENOR SQUARE) CHAPEL.

Benevolent Society	}	Chapel, Robert Street, Grosvenor Square.
Dorcas Society		
Maternal Society		
Communion Fund		
Sunday Scholars' Sick Fund		

ST. LEONARD STREET CHAPEL.

Benevolent Fund Chapel, St. Leonard Street.

TREVOR SQUARE CHAPEL.

No return of the Charities connected with this Chapel received.

WESTMINSTER CHAPEL, JAMES STREET, BUCKINGHAM GATE.

Soup Kitchen	}	Castle Lane.
Dinners for Destitute Children		
Lying-in Charity	}	Chapel Yard.
Benevolent Society		
Clothing and Coal Club		
Needlework Society		
Shoebblack Brigade and Home		Bessborough Place, Pimlico.

PRESBYTERIAN (ENGLISH).**HALKIN STREET WEST CHAPEL.**

No return of the Charities connected with this Chapel received.

UNITED METHODIST FREE CHURCH.**PIMLICO CHAPEL, WESTMORELAND STREET.**

Female Charity for the Relief of Poor	} At the Chapel, Westmoreland Street.
Women in Childbirth	
Sick Visiting Society for the Relief of	
the Spiritual and Temporal Nec-	
sities of the Sick Poor	
Poor Fund for the Relief of Poor	}
Members	

WESTMINSTER, LEWISHAM STREET, S.W.

No return of the Charities connected with this Chapel received.

WESLEYANS.**CLAVERTON STREET AND HORSEFERRY ROAD CHAPELS.**

Lying-in Charity	} At the Chapels.
Dorcas Society	
Clothing Club	
Fund for Poor and Sick Members	

GENERAL INFORMATION.

The Almoners of the Society for the Relief of Distress, the Strangers, Friend Society, and the Society of St. Vincent de Paul work over certain portions of the District.

The Parochial Mission Women Society have also Agents in some of the parishes.

Information can at any time be obtained at the Office, 48 Buckingham Palace Road, between the hours of 10 and 6, with regard to Hospitals, Schools, and all other Charitable Institutions.

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REPORT.

THE COMMITTEE in presenting their Report, have to record a diminution of their work as compared with last year. This diminution they attribute, not to any increase of prosperity in the district, but to a want of hearty co-operation on the part of the public.

It is as much a necessary of life to the District Committees to have work to do as to have funds to do it with, and it is their function, not directly to seek or to make work for themselves, but to direct public attention to an existing social and economic need and to supply it when recognised. Co-operation therefore, means something more than subscriptions and donations.

If all those who have a theoretical belief in the utility of the Society would consistently employ its Committees there would be little to fear from scepticism or opposition. The Committee are confident that, on a review of even the last year's statement, it will be abundantly evident that they are doing a good work which would, but for them, be left absolutely undone; and they appeal to their supporters and the public not to grudge the small amount of trouble necessary to utilise their machinery to an almost unlimited extent.

In their last annual Report, the Committee explained at some length, and illustrated by examples, the principles upon which they reject cases as 'not requiring relief' or 'undeserving.' As it is not uncommon to hear arguments urged against the rejection of applications on the latter ground—and it is feared that some charitable people hold aloof from the Society as one too strictly just to be merciful—it may be well to call attention to two important considerations.

(1) Undeserving cases are rejected by this and other Committees on no such abstract ground as that vice and improvidence ought to be left to their own consequences of want and misery, or that their victim 'has made his bed and must lie on it.'

When these cases are rejected it is because the Society has before it the great and paramount object of lifting the lowest classes above pauperism and diminishing the possibility of those in better positions sinking into it; and as long as our present Poor Law system exists it is imperatively necessary that we should both recognise it as a factor in the problem to whose solution we have set ourselves, and, as far as possible, co-operate with it, even, if need be, by sacrificing individuals to considerations of general expediency.

(2) But while justice in this sense of the ultimate greatest good of the greatest number is and must be the law of such a Committee as ours, there is no war between us and that individual charity which turns with personal tenderness to the bad as well as the merely wretched. It is clear that such may have special claims upon individuals who are acquainted with their history or antecedents, but it can never be well that they should be assisted without sufficient knowledge of the vices or follies which have caused their distress, or suffered to pass as deserving while their worthier and perhaps not less needy neighbours are left to meditate on the advantages of imposture.

To these considerations it may be added, as a statement of fact, that this Committee does occasionally assist even cases which, strictly speaking, must be described as undeserving; cases, that is, where the distress of the applicant is clearly traceable to his own fault, but where it does not appear that he has become addicted to any vicious habit, or habituated to culpable indolence, and where, above all, there is good reason to hope that the timely assistance of the Committee will enable him to become and permanently remain independent.

The following example is given by way of proof as well as illustration. 'A' was a strong healthy man of 32, with a wife and four children. His case was brought before this Committee by the London School Board, and 25s. were asked for to clothe two of the children so as to enable them to attend school. It appeared that 'A' had been 9 months almost without employment, having lost his situation through coming into collision with the police when he was drunk. His late employer pronounced him on the whole a steady man, and though there was reason, from other evidence, to fear that 'A' was becoming, if he had not already become, a drunkard, yet, as the character of the wife was exceptionally good, a member of the Committee exerted his

personal influence to obtain work for him, and it was decided to grant the 25s. if he kept the new situation for a week. This condition was fulfilled and the money granted. For some time nothing more was heard of 'A,' but it has lately come to the knowledge of the Committee that he is once more as badly off as ever, having left his situation because he quarrelled with his fellow-workmen. The case having again been brought before the Committee by the School Board has been finally dismissed as undeserving. In the first of these decisions may be seen the utmost length to which the Committee can, consistently with their principles, allow themselves to go in helping the undeserving, while the final verdict will probably be admitted by all to have been determined by circumstances which left no alternative. The public are perhaps hardly aware of the number of cases in which the Committees of the Charity Organisation Society gladly give applicants the benefit of a doubt, and of the large field for the exercise of patience and discretion which lies between the two simple classes of 'deserving' and 'undeserving.'

In the following case the most satisfactory results were attained with comparatively little trouble. 'B' was a married woman who had been deserted by her husband and left with three daughters aged respectively 22, 20, and 15. The husband had been in a good business in London and the daughters were brought up in some degree of refinement. The two eldest had already been out as shop assistants and had done their best to support their mother, who now applied for £3 for clothing to enable them to enter upon situations which were offered.

Part of this sum was obtained by the Committee from the Society for the Relief of Distress, part was given by a member of the Committee, and the rest was granted out of the funds at their disposal. The two girls took situations, the one in London and the other in the country, and most satisfactory letters have been received from both. There is every reason to hope that the family have been rendered permanently self-supporting and saved from the misery and temptation of a struggle with actual want.

In conclusion, the Committee would remark that while they have always been anxious to work in harmony with the Guardians of the Poor, and attach much importance to the establishment and maintenance of a thoroughly good understanding and close

co-operation with them, they feel that, in order effectually to supply the inevitable deficiencies of official investigation, the support of those whose intercourse with the poor is most intimate and friendly is absolutely necessary. Those members of the Committee who have time at their disposal are always ready to substitute personal visits for inquiry by the agent, and it is hoped that a custom so good for both visitors and visited will be continued and developed. It is, however, to the clergy of all denominations, the Scripture readers, members of sisterhoods, and district visitors, that the Committee must look to popularise and perfect their work, and they appeal to the experience of those whose co-operation in the past and present they gratefully acknowledge, for proof of the help which, in return, they are both able and willing to give.

Ecclesiastical Districts into which the Poor Law District of the Committee is divided.

ST. JAMES'S	Piccadilly.
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ST. ANNE'S	Soho.
ST. MARY'S	Crown Street.

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VII.—To afford to the public at large information regarding the objects and mode of working of existing charities.

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APPENDIX.

I.—TABULAR STATEMENT OF CASES DEALT WITH BY THE COMMITTEE BETWEEN OCTOBER 1, 1877, AND SEPTEMBER 30, 1878.

CLASS I.—DISMISSED, OR UNFAVOURABLY REPORTED ON, AS—

1. Not requiring relief	42
2. Undeserving	16
3. Cases for Poor Law, or otherwise ineligible	50
Total	108

CLASS II.—RECOMMENDED TO—

1. The Guardians	2
2. Institutions or Local Agencies	15
3. Private Persons	24
Total	41

CLASS III.—ASSISTED BY—

1. Grants	29
2. Loans	12
3. Employment	2
4. Letters for Hospitals, &c.	9
Total	52

Grand Total 201

Reports sent out	169
Inquiries for other Committees	288
Vagrants dealt with	127
Referred to other Committees	39

RULES.

CONSTITUTION AND OBJECTS.

1. The Committee shall consist of

- (a) Ex-officio members—viz., every Incumbent of a parish and his Curates, and every Minister of Religion in charge of a place of worship within the Union, and also every Poor Law Guardian for the same Union.
- (b) Representatives of Relief Societies working in the district and publishing periodically a report and statement of accounts, each such Society to be entitled to send one representative.
- (c) Such other persons desirous of taking part in the work as have been or shall be elected members.

2. Any Relief Society sending a representative to the Committee shall notify in writing to the Hon. Secretary the name and address of its representative for the time being, who shall be deemed a member from the date of the notice.

3. New members may be elected by the Committee at their weekly meetings. Every such new member must be nominated at one meeting, and proposed and seconded by two members, and elected by a majority of members present at the next meeting.

4. A member not attending at least one meeting of the General Committee or of a Sub-Committee during the financial year, will be placed on the list of 'Associates' or 'Honorary Members.' An associate may attend meetings, but not vote.

5. Members of other District Committees of the Charity Organisation Society may attend the meetings of this Committee but not vote.

6. The Committee shall confine its operations to the Union comprising the civil parishes of St. James's (Westminster) and St. Anne's (Soho).

7. The objects of the Committee shall be to bring existing local charities into co-operation with each other, and with the Poor Law authorities; to secure investigation and fitting action in cases of alleged distress; to repress mendicity, and discourage those forms of charity which foster mendicity; and, lastly, to give assistance out of its own funds in cases where assistance is like to produce permanent benefit, and *cannot be obtained from other sources.*

8. Subscriptions shall be invited from residents in the district, in order to provide the necessary funds for carrying on the work of the Committee.

MEETINGS.

9. The Committee shall meet once a week for the transaction of general business at such time and place as it shall determine; but the weekly meetings may be suspended by resolution for any period not exceeding two months at one time.

10. The Chairman shall preside at the meeting. If he be not present at the hour of meeting, the members present shall elect one of their number to preside *ad interim*.

11. Four shall form a quorum.

12. The order of business shall be as follows :—(1) Minutes of last meeting; (2) Finance; (3) Secretary's statement; (4) Report of Representatives at Central Council; (5) Questions; (6) Reports of Sub-Committees; (7) Adjourned resolutions; (8) New resolutions, according to date of notice; (9) Correspondence; (10) Other business.

But the Chairman may, with the leave of the Committee, vary the order of subjects on the agenda paper.

13. A member wishing to move a resolution, must give notice in writing, stating the terms of his intended resolution, at the previous weekly meeting; but the Chairman may allow a motion to be brought forward without notice, if no objection be made by any member present.

14. A resolution passed at one meeting shall not be reversed at the next meeting.

15. The Chairman may rule that in the discussion of resolutions each member shall only speak once to each separate question, the proposer having the right to reply.

16. All orders passed by the Committee shall be recorded in a minute book, and signed by the Chairman of the meeting following.

17. All questions shall be decided by the votes of the majority of the members present and voting. In case of an inequality of votes, the Chairman shall vote once but not otherwise.

OFFICERS.

18. At the first meeting of the Committee, in November of every year, a Chairman, Hon. Treasurer, and Hon. Secretary, shall be appointed for the ensuing year.

Vacancies in these offices occurring in the course of the year may be filled up by the Committee at any meeting.

19. It shall be the duty of the Hon. Secretaries to direct the

investigation of cases, to manage the office, and to carry out the orders of the Committee and Sub-Committees.

20. It shall be the duty of the Hon. Treasurer to keep proper accounts of receipts and expenditure, to superintend the collection of subscriptions, and generally to conduct the financial business, subject to the orders of the Committee.

21. Moneys received on behalf of the Committee shall be paid to their account at Messrs. Coutts' Bank, or at such other bank as the Committee shall from time to time appoint. All cheques to be signed by the Treasurer, or by such other members as the Committee shall appoint for that purpose.

SUB-COMMITTEES.

22. The Committee shall appoint one or more Sub-Committees, who shall decide on all applications for relief brought or sent to the office, but no grant of a Decision Sub-Committee exceeding £5 shall be valid unless confirmed by the General Committee.

23. The Hon. Secretary shall submit to each meeting of the General Committee a written report or summary of all cases decided during the preceding week, and shall make particular mention of any decision requiring confirmation.

24. At meetings of Sub-Committees two shall be a quorum, unless otherwise ordered by the General Committee.

25. The Chairman and Hon. Secretaries shall be ex-officio members of all Sub-Committees.

MENDICITY.

26. Tickets bearing the address of the office, and intended for street beggars, shall be supplied gratuitously to householders at the discretion of the Committee. A person bringing a ticket to the office shall, if he wishes it, have his case inquired into, with a view to its being suitably dealt with. A discretionary power shall be vested in an officer to give bread in cases of pressing hunger, subject to such conditions as the Committee may prescribe.

27. The Committee shall try to procure the arrest and punishment of persistent beggars.

INVESTIGATION AND RELIEF.

28. The Committee shall investigate, without charge, any case brought to its notice by any person willing to relieve it if found deserving, or otherwise legitimately interested in having the inquiry made.

29. The office shall be open to applicants every week-day, except Christmas Day, Good Friday, and the Bank Holidays, between such hours as the Committee shall from time to time determine; but the Committee may at any time by resolution close the office on any other day than those mentioned, or for any number of days not being more than one week at a time.

30. Applications for relief shall be taken down on proper forms, and where the applicant resides in the district, the investigations shall be commenced and prosecuted without delay under the direction of the Hon. Secretary. When the investigation is complete (or sooner if the Hon. Secretary directs), the case shall be brought before a Decision Committee. If an applicant does not reside in the district, the particulars of the case shall be sent by post to the office of the district in which he resides.

31. Cases of distress shall, if possible, be referred to some person or society able and willing to give suitable relief. Cases for which suitable relief cannot be obtained from other sources may be relieved out of the funds of the Committee, if relief is likely to produce permanent benefit, but not otherwise.

32. In granting or withholding relief, the Decision Sub-Committees shall recognise the following general principles—viz.: (a) That vicious and improvident persons may fitly be left to the operation of the Poor Law; (b) That where there are near relations able to assist the obligation of assistance should be thrown on them; (c) That it is inexpedient to pay arrears of rent or debts, or to supplement Poor Law Relief.

LOANS.

33. In suitable cases, relief shall take the form of loans rather than gifts.

34. Every loan shall be made repayable by instalments, and be guaranteed by a responsible surety, and punctual repayment shall be strictly enforced.

35. A case shall be deemed suitable for a loan rather than a gift, if in the opinion of the Committee the borrower will be able to pay the periodical instalments without again falling into distress; and no loan shall be granted or recommended for a person in receipt of parish relief.

MISCELLANEOUS.

36. The Committee shall send to the Central Council so many representatives as the rules of the Council shall from time to time allow.

37. The financial year shall end on the 30th September, unless the Committee shall otherwise determine.

38. At the end of each financial year the Committee shall publish a Report of its proceedings, together with a statement of accounts for the preceding year, and shall send a copy of such Report and statement to every subscriber of 5s. and upwards.

39. The Committee may from time to time make bylaws to regulate its proceedings and the proceedings of its Sub-Committees, provided that no such bylaw is inconsistent with these rules.

40. These rules may be altered by a resolution of the Committee passed at one weekly meeting and confirmed at the next weekly meeting, provided that a fortnight's notice shall be sent to every member of the Committee, specifying the terms of the proposed alteration and the day on which the motion is to be made.

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The Secretaries are authorised to furnish particulars with regard to Charitable Societies to persons desirous of such information.

The Council will be glad to receive letters of recommendation for Hospitals, Convalescent Homes, &c., for distribution to suitable cases through the District Committees.

Contributions to the funds of the Council can be paid at the Central Office, 15 Buckingham Street, Adelphi; or at Messrs. COURTIS & Co.'s, 59 Strand, W.C.

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ANNUAL REPORT, 1877-8.

IN issuing their Ninth Annual Report, the St. Marylebone Committee of the Charity Organisation Society are glad to congratulate their supporters upon the increased interest evinced in their work by the public. Subjected to hostile criticism from more than one influential quarter, the Society has been able to show that the aversion expressed by those whose goodwill was thus withheld was the result, either of misconception in respect to the larger aims of the Society, or of stress being laid on minor points upon which it has expressed no opinion. Even unfriendly criticism is welcomed by the true friends of organisation in charity; for if the principles by which they are guided cannot stand the test of rigorous examination, the sooner the Society is forsaken and exposed, the better for the interests of truth, and for the welfare of those for whom charity is organised.

The difficulties, however, which prevent the expansion of the Society to the limits contemplated by its founders, do not spring from the animosity it excites, but from the suspicion with which many of the benevolent regard the intellectual side of charitable exertion. This suspicion arises not from a thoughtful rejection of the principles the Society seeks to establish, but from hasty and prejudiced inference, or placid unconcern. That the Society is still imperfect is to confess that it is human. But the steady development of its machinery is accompanied by a constant accession to the ranks of its active supporters of men recognised as eminent in their several departments of life.

Everywhere the cry arises of diminished means and dwindling resources. Philanthropic institutions are not exempt from the effect of the universal depression. Reduced contributions, however, to metropolitan charities would afford the Committee small anxiety, if the diminution were attended by more thoroughness in the arrangements for distributing the total amount remaining available. Some details respecting this amount, and the people upon whom it is

expended may be interesting at this juncture. From the last report of the Registrar-General it appears that of 10,000 of population 278 are either entirely supported or subsidised by their more provident or more successful fellow subjects. The sum annually contributed to Metropolitan charities for the houseless, sick, and suffering, amounted ten years ago to more than £4,000,000.* As the population of London, in July 1878, at the average annual increment, amounted to 4,289,000, it is evident that even if the public charities have remained stationary, while the population has constantly developed, there is sufficient to provide every pauper in London with a stipend of £33 per annum, in addition to all that the law undertakes for him.

When to this amount is added the benefactions of the charitable, administered through the clergy, alms and private assistance, local charities not included in the public charities of London, it is computed that the amount given away in one year, in London, if concentrated on those recognised by the State as paupers, would provide each of them with an income exceeding £90 per head.

Consideration of such facts as these shows that no further plea is needed for organisation of charity. Of charitable funds there is no lack. A link between necessitous desert and adequate relief is imperatively required, for in no department of civilisation has England made so little progress since the Tudors, as in the art of efficiently aiding the necessitous poor.

The Committee feel that anything tending to improve the working of the Poor Laws is in the highest sense congruous with the organisation of charity, and they deprecate the assumption that anything affecting the condition of the impoverished classes is foreign to the scope of the Society's action. In offering the following remarks on the working of the Poor Law in Marylebone, the Committee consider it superfluous to express their opinion, that the condition of things commented on is not attributable to the administration of the enlightened body forming the Board of Guardians. To the co-operation of that Board the Society is indebted for much of the success it has achieved in St. Marylebone; and the lapse of time has but strengthened the sense of satisfaction recorded by the Guardians on November 6, 1874, at the manner in which the Society succeeded in adjusting the elements of State and private aid. In the semi-official relations thus established there is strong ground for congratulation; and if these two great agencies can continue thus to

* See 'Charities of London.' By Mr. Hawksley, M.D. Published by Churchill & Co., New Burlington Street.

work on parallel lines, and outdoor relief becomes gradually reduced, there may be in the future some prospect of the diminution of that which may be termed intentional pauperism.

Regarding, as they do, the creation and encouragement of habits of thrift among the labouring classes, as inseparable from the conditions of successful charity, the Committee are of opinion that the time is arriving when a reclassification of indoor paupers should be generally carried out. In vain do the benevolent pour out their gold like water, if the effect of the Poor Law is to generate pauperism, by removing the necessity for thrift. As has often been observed, the worthy and the worthless are equal in the eyes of the law. Metropolitan legislation is year by year tending towards centralisation, by which alone classification is feasible without further expense. By the operation of the Common Poor Fund Act, equalisation of rates between rich and poor parishes has, to a certain extent, been obtained. A short statement of the circumstances connected with the Institution known as the Marylebone Workhouse will illustrate the necessity for classification more clearly than the most lucid abstract reasoning.

So far from being a workhouse the place is virtually a hospital; for not only are there no sufficient means of employing indoor paupers, but the simplest discipline for refractory inmates is at present impossible. In the first week in October there were 1,849 inmates, of whom 1,199 were on special diet. The treatment of the 1,199 sick or infirm inmates so affects the administration of the house that the remaining 650 are necessarily dealt with as though they were deserving inmates of an almshouse. Many of these 650 no doubt merited all the kindness they received. It is, however, an ascertained fact that a large proportion of these had dissipated in drink and self-indulgence the funds which might have prevented their becoming a burden upon their thrifter neighbours. The presence of this class of paupers, too healthy for medical treatment, and not strong enough for the full work and low diet of Poplar, where the able-bodied are at present sent from this parish, is fraught with danger to the community. Among the respectable poor the dread of the House masters every other fear. But among that portion of the populace wavering on the confines of dependence, the spectacle of a concourse of idle persons, subjected to few restraints and no punishments, warmed, clothed, and fed in a manner which may well excite the envy of the British soldier, is dangerous and demoralising for the poorer class of ratepayers. It is dangerous, because the system is communistic in its tendency;

it is demoralising because the natural penalties of indolence are warded off by the State. The Committee take this opportunity of expressing a hope that the further classification of workhouse inmates, which this Committee are glad to learn is in contemplation in the St. Marylebone Workhouse, may be generally carried out; and that some distinction may be thus maintained between good, bad, and indifferent by relegating them to separate buildings; dealing with the unfortunate but thrifty pauper in a still kindlier and more liberal temper, but sternly meting out to the wilfully improvident or vicious the bare subsistence they unthankfully expect. Development of such a plan need involve no increase of rate, but would set a price on thrift and character.

Those who are impressed by such facts as these may greatly serve the cause of charity by pledging themselves to provide a given sum of money in the course of the year, to be applied to the relief of *bond fide* cases investigated by this Society. Only lately a sum of £110 was required to enable a gentleman in necessitous circumstances to take up an appointment under Government. But for the prompt action of the Committee in obtaining this money, the gentleman in question would actually have been forced to sacrifice his appointment. It is felt that the Society may do great service to those who have means but no leisure by supplying them with particulars of persons to whom temporary assistance means permanent relief. It is distressing to consider not only how self-help may perish for want of adequate assistance, but how surely the seeds of destitution germinate and bear a crop of pauperism. The Committee earnestly appeal to the charitable inhabitants of this parish, not only for subscriptions, but for permission to rely on them in the numerous cases where the need is pressing and the desert of the applicant apparent.

Those who are willing thus to enrol themselves as supporters of organised charity, will please to communicate with the Hon. Secretaries, 151 Marylebone Road.

It is never out of place to repeat what has been repeated in eight previous reports, that the object of the Society is not the destruction but the arrangement of charity. In other words, the Society aims in the same direction as purblind benevolence, the sole difference being that while untrained liberality generates the poverty it wishes to destroy, this Society seeks to cure and not to palliate evils apparent to all. Take, for example, the not unkindly sneers at political economy customary in December, when all are invited to forsake the principles held as valid during the rest of the

year. The act of giving excites a sensation of pleasure in most minds. Experience drawn from many thousand cases in this Society's books proves that it is sometimes a more blessed thing to stay the giving hand than to give freely. Most helpful of all gifts is that which stimulates and cheers the self-helpful, or that which wisely and unstintingly holds out sufficient to help those who are sinking in the dark waters of undeserved distress. There are many such. The Committee feel regret in having year by year to insist on the simplicity of their aims, but they are glad to reflect that the principles of Charity Organisation are now too firmly implanted in thinking minds to admit a fear for their ultimate triumph.

A large and influential section of the benevolent, however, are still persuaded that, admitting the good intentions of the Society, the principle of organisation is hostile to the spirit of charity. This belief is chiefly held by that portion of the public which identifies itself with religious aims. The experience of the clergy who, as members of this Committee, have organised their parishes in co-operation with the Society, confutes that supposition; as the letters from the Hon. and Rev. W. H. Fremantle, Rev. H. Geary, and Rev. A. S. W. Young, published in previous reports, have fully testified. The annexed letter, from the Rev. B. H. Alford, is commended to the notice of those who fear the baleful action of good administration. Those interested in assuaging misery, in supplying want, and in raising those whom want and misery have thoroughly degraded will compass their aims more effectually by careful and even laborious discrimination than by freehanded bounteousness. The process of sifting the truth is no easy work, to be lightly undertaken, and can rarely be compassed by an individual. On more than one occasion it has fallen to the lot of this Committee to remove a stain from the character of an applicant—a stain cast upon it by too hasty inference or credulousness. In such work as this the Committee thankfully acknowledge the valuable assistance of those gentlemen whose legal and medical acquirements have been so cheerfully placed at the service of the Society.

The Committee regret to acknowledge the expenditure of so large a proportion of their funds in relief. The Society is no competitor of the 900 public charities now existing in the metropolis. Until, however, charitable persons come forward in greater numbers, with the expression of their willingness to assist cases vouched for by the Committee, it is impossible to avoid giving in many instances direct relief, even though the Committee are sensible that the main object would be better attained were the Society enabled to keep

strictly within its own province, that of inquiry and mediation. Great help would be given to the Society if benevolent persons would allow it to refer to them deserving persons requiring assistance.

Those who have the greatest personal knowledge of the poor of great cities are impressed with the difficulty of discovering the people whose need is greatest. It rarely happens that the voluble and eager catalogue of evils equals in true pathos those instances where misery is dumb. It is to help such as these that the Committee asks for aid. Repression of mendicity is neither the first nor the second object in the organisation of the Society.

The figures appended to this Report represent but a fraction of the real and permanent good effected. Much individual effort, large expenditure of time and money, find no record in the statistics of the Society. One of the ablest workers has for some time been laid aside by illness. Through the absence of Miss Octavia Hill the Committee are bereft of one who has been for years successfully engaged in works of humanity, and who has led others to the perception of the fact that random benevolence is but spurious charity.

The Committee desire to invite attention to the fact that the sum of £450, part of the legacy of £500 from the late James Graham, Esq., has been devoted to the necessities of the poorer Committees.

The Committee have to express their best thanks to Messrs. Price and Waterhouse for their kindness in gratuitously auditing the accounts, involving an amount of scrutiny far in excess of that anticipated by the Committee, and for the suggestions they have been good enough to make in respect to the keeping of the office books.

(Memorandum.)

St. Luke's Vicarage, Nutford Place, W.

November 29, 1878.

You ask me, as one who has lately come into Marylebone, to put upon record the impression which the working of the branch of the Charity Organisation Society established here has made upon me. I had scarcely settled in my vicarage, some fifteen months ago, when your hon. secretary most courteously invited me to a seat at the board of your Committee. While in Shoreditch, it had been my fortune to take a share in making the Society known at that part of the East end. For some years I was one of a very few, chiefly clergymen, who met weekly for the determination of cases. It was equally novel and delightful to find, on coming into Marylebone, that clergymen, far from being the only attendants at your Committee, were in the minority; that the investigations were made by a body of laymen whose experience was as great as their zeal; who were at work, not for one session only in the week, but constantly, between the board meetings, to interview applicants, and to study the merits of cases. Our Shoreditch committee was good, as helping to bring into one focus the separate opinion of several parish workers; but it is of far greater importance to any one concerned in the welfare of the poor, to glean the opinions of those who are not working professionally in a parish, who bring to bear upon the investigation of distress minds trained in law, business, and the work of the Guardians' board. The inductions so obtained are far wider and more reliable. There are two special things which I admire in the labours of a committee thus strongly constituted. 1st. the thoroughness of its investigations. To say that, is perhaps to say no more than that the intentions of the Central Society are carried out; but that is to say a great deal, when the programme of their intentions is considered. Our agents have, I think, the knack of getting accurate information with tact, and without hurting the *amour propre* of applicants. I have a case in my mind where they discovered, in respect of a woman pretending to be a widow, that she had never been really married to the man in question; so that the claim which she preferred against his relatives of retaining the effects of the deceased, and by which she had already worked on the pity of our visitor, was wholly a fictitious one. But the Committee were not satisfied with at once writing her down an impostor; they patiently entered into correspondence with some of her friends to see what could be arranged for her future. Ultimately she declined all rescue; but it was not for lack of sympathy. And this is only one example of the full and even tender consideration which the Committee gives to any case out of the ordinary; turning it round every way, to see, not how it may be got rid of, but how all its merits or demerits may most conscientiously be satisfied.

And the second thing which strikes a new-comer is the amount of information accurately stored and tabulated in the office. When one contrasts the West of London with the East, and learns to one's cost how much more the former is the scene of cunning imposture and concealment than the latter: how often the same persons, with the same or different stories, are trying their tricks on the public, and the clergy especially—I, for one, cannot be too glad to be free of a body of documents where I can find the past history of a man

or woman in distress ; not of necessity to condemn them for the past, but to judge them fairly, which, without such knowledge of the past, is next to impossible.

And this brings me to a conclusion. The more excellent the efforts of the Marylebone Committee, the more zealous their attempts to deal with the abuse of charity, the more stupidly are they hindered when any charitable body holds aloof from correspondence with them. It is the most dog-in-the-manger policy ; for as sure as any parish or neighbourhood is thought to be officially exempt from their investigation, by the indifference of its minister or almoner, so surely does such an area become a haunt of impostors, who try to escape there the detection which awaits them elsewhere. Any person dealing out private, and still more public charity, who declines the information about the desert of its objects, which in many cases is to be had for the asking, seems to sacrifice to a whim, or a motive of supposed popularity with the poor, what is a public duty—the true happiness of the greatest number.

B. H. ALFORD.

TYPICAL CASES.

The following are typical cases dealt with by the Committee:—

C. H.—This man was in a dragoon regiment under orders for India, but left in consequence of his wife being unable to accompany him. At the time applicant came before this Committee he was weak with hunger and in a destitute state. Employment having been found for him, a sum of £2 was advanced to enable him to transfer his goods to his new quarters. In repaying this loan at an earlier date than he was obliged he accompanied the transmission of the last instalment with the following letter:—

Dear Sir,—Enclosed you will find P. O. Order for 5s., last instalment of £2, and I am very much obliged to the Committee for their kindness in lending it to me, and hope that I shall not be troubling you too much to ask you to thank them for me—and also to the Reverend _____ for his assistance before I had the good fortune to obtain my present situation. I am happy to say that I am going on nicely, and that myself, wife, and child are quite well. Hoping that you are the same,

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

(Signed) C. H.

Mr. and Mrs. M. are Swiss, and earn their living, the former by tuition, the latter by watchmaking. She first applied to the Committee in 1875 when in great distress, but after a number of vicissitudes too numerous to relate, are now, owing to the liberality of a gentleman who lent them the capital, in possession of a thriving trade and are free of debt to this Society. The amount of work involved in this case was very considerable, and but for the action of the Society, Mr. and Mrs. M. would almost infallibly have fallen into the position of begging-letter writers.

This exemplifies the class of cases which are before the Society for years, and which require combinations of effort impossible to an individual:—An unhappy marriage, followed by a penniless widowhood, left Mrs. Von O., an educated and even cultivated woman, alone in the world. Mistaking the pecuniary value of her literary abilities, she published a work which involved her in difficulties, and was in consequence forced to pass through the Court of Bankruptcy. From that time Mrs. Von O. has had a

hard struggle, and though assisted on three occasions from the Royal Literary Fund, her existence was painfully precarious. At last an opportunity presented itself of purchasing Mrs. Von O. into a benevolent institution, and the case being laid before a member of the Government, a grant was made sufficient for the purpose in view, and Mrs. Von O. is now provided for for life. One feature in this case was the removal of the stigma imposed on applicant's character by another Society, the result of hasty inference and insufficient inquiry.

This case is interesting as one where money is needed less than time and trouble :—J. P. is an aged woman who has for some time gained her own living, but owing to waning efficiency came before the Committee as an applicant for assistance. Inquiry elicited the fact that J. P. had a son in good circumstances in an English colony, and his London agents having been first communicated with, a confidential letter was addressed to him, setting forth the distress of his mother. In the meantime the son's agents have advanced something towards her support, which is administered by this Committee.

APPLICATIONS FROM OCT. 1, 1877, TO SEPT. 30, 1878.

New applications	621	
Renewed applications	569	
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Total	1,190	
Thus disposed of—		
Dismissed, as not requiring relief	94	
„ undeserving	23	
„ Cases for Poor Law, or otherwise ineligible	149	
	<hr/>	266
Referred to Guardians	21	
„ Institutions or local agencies	392	
„ Private persons	199	
	<hr/>	612
Relieved by Grants	165	
„ Loans	50	
„ Employment	13	
„ Letters for Hospitals	84	
	<hr/>	312
	<hr/>	1,190
Applications up to September 30, 1877, as per last report	11,312	
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Total applications	12,502	

Cases on record to September 30, 1878.

Resident	8,294	
Non-Resident	2,038	
Special	141	
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	10,473	
Renewed applications	2,029	
	<hr/>	12,502
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Cases inquired into for other Committees during the past year 361

HOSPITALS AND DISPENSARIES

SITUATED IN THE PARISH OF ST. MARYLEBONE.

- Children's (The) Dispensary, 12 Bell Street.
 Convalescent Hospital, 83½ Margaret Street.
 General Lying-in Charity for Providing Midwives and Attendants to Married Women at their Own Homes, 41 Newman Street.
 Hospital for Diseases of the Nervous System, Winterton House, Portland Terrace, St. John's Wood.
 Infirmary for Consumption and Diseases of the Chest, 26 Margaret Street, Cavendish Square.
 London Self-supporting Dispensary, 47 Church Street.
 Marylebone General Dispensary, 77 Welbeck Street.
 Metropolitan Dispensary for Diseases of the Ear, 25 Great Titchfield Street.
 Middlesex Hospital, Charles Street, Berners Street, Oxford Street.
 National Dental Hospital (Free), 149 Great Portland Street.
 National Orthopædic Hospital, 234 Great Portland Street.
 Portland Dispensary, 33 Fitzroy Street.
 Portland Town Free Dispensary, 53 Henry Street.
 Provident Dispensary, 16 Lisson Grove.
 Queen Charlotte's Lying-in Hospital, 191 Marylebone Road.
 St. Agnes: Hospital for Young Women (in connexion with Church Penitentiary Society), 85 Newman Street.
 Samaritan Free Hospital for Women and Children, 13 Lower Seymour Street.
 St. Peter's Hospital for Stone and Urinary Diseases, 54 Berners Street.
 St. John's Wood and Portland Town Provident Dispensary, Ordnance Road, St. John's Wood.
 Self-supporting Provident Dispensary, 13 Upper Marylebone Street.
 The New Hospital for Women, 222 Marylebone Road.
 Western Ophthalmic Hospital, 155 Marylebone Road.
 Western General Dispensary, Marylebone Road (corner of Stafford Street).
 Western Dispensary for Diseases of the Skin, 17 Duke Street, Manchester Square.
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BENEVOLENT INSTITUTIONS

SITUATED IN THE PARISH OF ST. MARYLEBONE.

- Benevolent or Strangers' Friend Society, Hinde Street Chapel.
 Christian Union Alms Houses, 233 and 235 Marylebone Road and John Street West.
 Crèche or Infant Nursery (St. Andrew's, Wells Street), 6 Beaumont Street, Marylebone.
 Cripples' Home, Female Refuge, and Public Laundry, 17A Marylebone Road.
 Cripples' Nursery, Old Quebec Street.
 District Visiting and Provident Society, Henry Street, Portland Town.
 Emanuel District Visiting and Provident Society.
 Do. Infant Nursery.
 Establishment for Gentlewomen during Temporary Illness, 90 Harley Street.
 Female Servants' Home Society, 21 Nutford Place, and 205 Great Portland Street.
 Female Temporary Home, 218 Marylebone Road.
 Free Registry Office for Young Servants, 207 Marylebone Road.

- Gentlewomen's Self-Help Institution, 15 Baker Street.
 Grotto Passage Industrial Home for Destitute Boys, 55 Paddington Street.
 Home for the Blind (North-west London), 10 Alma Square.
 Home for Consumptive Females, 57 and 58 Gloucester Place.
 Home for Female Orphans, Grove Road, St. John's Wood.
 Home for Working Boys, 12 Stafford Street.
 House Boy Brigade and Industrial Printing Works, 146 Marylebone Road.
 Institute for Trained Nurses, 96 Wimpole Street.
 Invalids' Dinner Table, 66 Earl Street East.
 Ladies' Home, 53 Abbey Road.
 London Private Nursing Institute, 220 Marylebone Road.
 Magdalen Home, 15 Lisson Grove.
 Maida Hill Refuge and Industrial School and Ragged School for Boys, North Street, Maida Hill.
 Marylebone Female Protection Society, 157 and 159 Marylebone Road.
 Medical Surgical Home, 13 and 26 New Cavendish Street.
 Mission House and Children's Dinner Table, 60 Paddington Street.
 Moore Street Home for Boys (Main Entrance), 17 Queen Street.
 Quebec Chapel Nursery, 115 Crawford Street.
 Quebec Chapel Temporary Home for Friendless Women, 115 Crawford Street.
 Ragged School Shoe-Black Society (N.W. Branch), 241 Marylebone Road.
 Sick Children's Dinner Table, 63 Earl Street, Lisson Grove.
 Sisters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul, Day Nursery, School, and Home for Girls, 4 Balstrode Street.
 Society for Promoting Female Welfare, 31 Weymouth Place.
 St. Marylebone Alms Houses, St. John's Wood Terrace; Office, 65 Marylebone Road.
 St. Marylebone Charity School, Devonshire Place, New Road.
 St. Marylebone Home for Incurables, 236 Marylebone Road, W.
 St. Ann's Catholic Orphanage (Carmel House), 8 Alpha Road.
 St. Cyprian's Bethesda, 7 Allsop Mews.
 St. Cyprian's Home for Aged Poor, 10 Little Park Street.
 St. Cyprian's Infant Nursery, 34 North Bank.
 St. Cyprian's Orphanage, 4 Allsop Mews.
 St. Elizabeth Home for Female Incurables, 67 and 68 Mortimer Street.
 St. John's Wood Congregational Church District Visiting Provident Society, St. John's Wood Terrace.
 St. Mary's Mission House, 7 Wyndham Place.
 St. Mary's Provident Institution and Penny Bank, The School, York Street.
 St. Thomas' Infant Day Nursery, 69 Wigmore Street.
 St. Thomas' Workmen's and Women's Dining Halls and Invalid Kitchen, 3 James Street.
 St. Thomas' Penny Bank, 39 James Street.
 St. Thomas' Needlework Society Infants' School, Orchard Street.
 St. Thomas' Registry for Miscellaneous Labour, 39 James Street.
 The Girls' Home (Certified Industrial School for Destitute Girls not Convicted of Crime), 22 Charlotte Street, Portland Place.
 Young Women's Home and Christian Association, 43 Crawford Street.

NOTE.—This list is as full and correct as can be ascertained from published Directories. If omissions have been made, the Honorary Secretaries will be thankful to receive corrections.

RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.
To Balance from last year's account	147	16	5
" Subscriptions, as per printed list	413	14	0
" Donations	87	14	6
" Relief Fund	417	9	10
" Loans Repaid	170	5	9
" Legacy from the estate of the late Jas. Graham, Esq.	500	0	0

Examined with the books and vouchers and found correct,
 PRICE, WATERHOUSE & Co.,
 44 Gresham Street.

Dec. 21, 1878.

£1,737 0 6

BALANCE SHEET, September 30, 1878.

EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.
By Rent and Taxes	82	11	0
" less Rent from Under-Tenants	14	18	6
Repairs of Office Furniture	67	12	6
" Salaries	9	5	0
" Collector's Poudage.	292	13	0
" Stationery and Printing	28	6	0
" Postage	41	1	10
" Fire and Lighting	14	13	1
" Incidental Expenses.	6	3	7
	11	10	9
	471	5	9

" Aid from Relief Fund	481	11	5
" Aid by Loans	166	3	9
" Subscriptions to Charitable Institutions—			

Eastbourne Convalescent Hospital	1	1	0
Metropolitan	2	2	0
Seaford	1	1	0
Margate	2	2	0
St. Mary's Hospital	1	1	0
Queen Charlotte's Hospital	1	1	0
Boy's Farm, East Barnet	5	0	0

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Contributions to poorer Districts Aid

Fund, per Central Office	450	0	0
" Balance at Bankers	100	11	8
" Deposited with Bank of New Zealand for a Special Case	50	0	0
" Cash in hand	3	19	11
	164	11	7

£1,737 0 6

By Cash at Bankers (Scott & Co.)	89	18	5
" Bank of New Zealand, deposit account	10	18	0
" Bank of New Zealand, deposit account	50	0	0

DISTRICT COMMITTEES
OF THE
CHARITY ORGANISATION SOCIETY,
AND THEIR OFFICES.

WEST.

KENSINGTON—42 Church Street, W.
FULHAM UNION—56 Hammersmith Road, W.
PADDINGTON—20 Westbourne Park Terrace, Harrow Road, W.
CHELSEA—5A Blacklands Terrace, King's Road, S.W.
ST. GEORGE'S UNION—48 Buckingham Palace Road, S.W.
ST. JAMES'S AND SOHO (Westminster Union)—46 Berwick Street, W.

NORTH.

ST. MARYLEBONE—151 Marylebone Road, N.W.
HAMPSTEAD—Corner of Church Lane, High Street, N.W.
NORTH ST. PANCRAS and HIGHGATE—120 Highgate Road, N.W.
SOUTH ST. PANCRAS—17 Woburn Buildings, Euston Road, W.C.
ISLINGTON—8 College Street, Barnsbury, N.
HACKNEY—Old Town Hall, E.

CENTRAL.

ST. GILES'S and BLOOMSBURY—7 Arthur Street, New Oxford Street, W.C.
STRAND UNION—13 Beaufort Buildings, Strand, W.C.
HOLBORN UNION—14 Myddelton Street, Clerkenwell, E.C.
CITY OF LONDON UNION—4 Bury Street, St. Mary Axe, E.C.

EAST.

SHOREDITCH—56 St. John's Road, Hoxton, N.
BETHNAL GREEN—297 Bethnal Green Road, E.
WHITECHAPEL UNION—194 Commercial Road, E.
ST. GEORGE-IN-THE-EAST—194 Commercial Road, E.
STEPNEY UNION—3 Arbour Cottages, Arbour Street East, Commercial Road, E.
MILE END OLD TOWN—3 Arbour Cottages, Arbour Street East, Commercial Road, E.
POPLAR UNION—129 East India Dock Road, E.

SOUTH.

ST. SAVIOUR'S, SOUTHWARK—9 St. George's Circus, S.E.
NEWINGTON—230 Walworth Road, S.E.
ST. OLAV'S UNION, SOUTHWARK—172 Tooley Street, S.E.
LAMBETH—353 Kennington Road, S.E.
BRIXTON—21 Elizabeth Street, Cornwall Road, Brixton Hill, S.W.
WANDSWORTH and PUTNEY—The Plain, Wandsworth, S.W.
BATTERSEA—175 Battersea High Street, S.W.
CLAPHAM—73 Bromell's Road, Clapham Common, S.W.
CAMBERWELL—1 Grove Lane, S.E.; and Meetinghouse Lane, Peckham, S.E.
GREENWICH—14 Haddington Terrace, King Street, S.E.
DEPTFORD—Mission Hall, King Street, Broadway, S.E.
WOOLWICH UNION—5 Eleanor Road, S.E.
LEWISHAM—Lee Bridge, S.E.
ELTHAM—High Street, S.E.
SYDENHAM—The Dispensary, Forest Hill, S.E.

CONTRIBUTIONS for the District Committee should be sent to the Hon. Secretaries at their respective Offices. Contributions towards the expenses of the Council can be paid at the Central Office, 15 Buckingham Street, Adelphi; or to the account of the 'Charity Organisation Society,' at Messrs. Coutts & Co.'s, 59 Strand, W.C. Contributions for the poorer District Committees can be paid to the 'District Committee Aid Fund' of the Council.

Publications of the Charity Organisation Society,

To be obtained at the Office of the Society, and through Messrs. LONGMANS, Paternoster Row, and all Booksellers.

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OBJECTS.

THE Objects of the Society for Organizing Charitable Relief and Repressing Mendicity may be stated in the following terms:—

I.—To bring into harmonious co-operation with each other and with the Poor-law authorities the various charitable agencies and individuals in the district, and thus effectually to check the evils of 'overlapping' relief caused by simultaneous but independent action.

II.—To investigate thoroughly the cases of all applicants for charitable relief, whether they are referred to the offices for inquiry and report, or whether they apply of their own accord

III.—To place gratuitously at the disposal of all charitable agencies and private persons the investigating machinery of the Committees of the Society, and to send, to persons having a legitimate interest in cases, full reports of the result of the investigations made.

IV.—To obtain from the proper charities, or from charitable individuals, suitable and adequate relief for deserving cases.

V.—To assist from its own funds, and as far as possible in the form of loans, all suitable cases for which adequate assistance cannot be obtained from other sources.

VI.—To repress mendicity by the above means, and by the gratuitous distribution of Investigation Tickets, and by the prosecution of impostors.

VII.—To afford to the public at large information regarding the objects and mode of working of existing charities.

VIII.—To promote, as far as possible, the general welfare of the poor by means of social and sanitary reforms, and by the inculcation of habits of providence and self-dependence.

WORK OF THE COUNCIL, 1877—1878.

DURING the Session of the year 1877-8, thirty-eight meetings of Council were held, with an average attendance of forty-nine members.

This is a considerably larger average than in former years; and when it is remembered that the Council is composed mainly of representatives from every part of London, and is a meeting place at which those who are familiar with the wants of the poor and are practically engaged in endeavouring to meet those wants can interchange opinions and experience, the utility of these meetings will be obvious. Questions of an immediate or permanent interest, the difficulties of which are well known, are frequently discussed: how to aid the poor to obtain employment; how to deal satisfactorily with cases of chronic infirmity; loans; the Army Reserves, and so forth. And the Council, in which there is a frequent change of representatives and a consequent introduction of new members, affords a means for the continuous consideration and discussion of subjects which cannot be settled off-hand by any approved method or theory of organization, but which require the knowledge, co-operation, and energy of each successive generation of workers.

During the earlier part of the session two subjects, which are rather private to the Society than of general interest, were discussed at considerable length. The Administrative Committee of the Council was placed on an entirely new footing. New arrangements were also made for the conduct of business in the office of the Council.

VAGRANCY.

During the winter of 1877-8 there was throughout the country a great increase in vagrancy. It appeared that in London the information that bread was given at the offices of the Committees had spread, and some of the offices were in consequence beset, generally towards midday, by large numbers of vagrants and wayfarers. The responsibility of dealing with cases of sudden and urgent necessity rested mainly upon the local Poor Law authorities; but by the rules of the Society their agents had been authorised, in cases of absolute hunger, to give bread to be eaten upon the

spot. It was evident, however, that in the application of this rule great discretion was necessary on the part of the agents. A circular accordingly was issued, pointing out that the rule applied to cases of extreme urgency only; but that in all exceptional homeless cases, which did not appear suitable for reference to a Relieving Officer, the agents were to use their discretion in giving whatever immediate assistance might be required, with a view to the more complete treatment of the case afterwards. By the liberality of a member of the Society, special arrangements have been made at the Newport Market Refuge for the reception of these cases.

ASSISTANCE BY WAY OF LOANS.

A Sub-Committee, which reported on the subject of loans made by District Committees, made the following returns:—

Total amount lent during two years ending	£	s.	d.
September 30th, 1877	3694	3	11
Of this there had been repaid	2936	12	5
Loans outstanding and deemed recoverable, though including doubtful debts...	613	0	7
Written off as bad debts	144	10	11

CHRONIC AND PENSION CASES.

The Society by its present rules does not undertake chronic cases. Hitherto indeed it has been considered that they should be dealt with by private persons or by the existing pension societies. The change, however, of public opinion on the subject of the administration of out-door relief, the endeavour to mark more clearly the division between cases suitable for the Poor Law and those suitable for charity, the apparent inability of the existing institutions to deal effectively with pension cases, the necessity of some provision for cases which fitted into none of the categories framed by the institutions or could not wait for admission, led to suggestions being made to alter the rule now in force and to undertake to assist suitable chronic cases, under certain conditions, either by the co-operation of individuals whose contributions would be organised for one or more special cases, or by the establishment of pension funds, or eventually by the application of charitable endowments. On the other hand, it was thought that such proposals would largely increase the responsibilities of the Society, while the District Committees, by the many methods to which they resorted for dealing effectively with these cases, were learning what the solution of the difficulty might be. No change therefore was made.

ADEQUATE RELIEF.

Cognate to this question is that of adequate temporary relief. The difficulty of obtaining such relief was, it was urged, very great. There were, from time to time, cases of an exceptional nature in which a sum of money was required quite out of proportion to the relief obtainable, under ordinary circumstances, by the means and influence of a local Committee or by reference to any of the Metropolitan Relief Societies. To meet this want, it was arranged that a book containing the names of those willing to give liberal charitable assistance should be kept at the offices of the Council; and several persons, on seeing a notice on the subject in the *Charity Organization Reporter* and in the Annual Report of the Council, have consented to relieve these cases on reference. This, together with the insertion of appeals in the *Reporter*, has enabled the Council to obtain sufficient aid for all exceptional cases considered suitable by the Administrative Committee.

THE ARMY RESERVES.

When the Reserves were called out, it became a question whether any special efforts should be made to meet the distress which, it was stated, existed among their wives and families. No conclusive evidence as to the inadequacy of the remuneration received by the Reserve men was forthcoming, and it was felt that, if cases of distress arose, they could be thoroughly dealt with by the means already afforded to the public by the Society. It was considered also that, if the remuneration were in fact inadequate, it was better that the Government should increase it than that inducements should be created for making independent persons applicants for charity.

PROVIDENT DISPENSARIES, ETC.

Other subjects, such as the relation of organisation to relief in the Society, the better treatment of School Board cases, co-operation with the Guardians, the Education of the Blind, have been carefully considered by the Council or its standing Committees. More especially on the development of the Provident Dispensary system has much labour been expended; and it is believed, that steps have been taken which will eventually lead to the substitution of some form of assurance against ordinary sickness for the present indiscriminate out-patient medical relief.

REPORT.

THE Hampstead District Committee of the Charity Organization Society has continued during the past year to carry on its work, in connection with the Central Office in Buckingham Street, and with the other thirty-five District Committees of the Society. The value of such an agency is constantly experienced by charitable persons who avail themselves of it. By its means the character of applicants for charity who remove from one part of London to another is traced and ascertained. The undeserving are prevented from continuing to prey upon the public, while such as have been simply unfortunate, or whose distress is the result of some false step which may be retrieved, are put in the way of recovery.*

The number of cases decided by the Committee between Oct. 1st, 1877, and Sept. 30th, 1878, has been 158, of which seventeen have occurred twice over. Of these cases, seventy-two have been "Assisted," viz., eighteen by Grants, twenty by Loans, four by Loan of Sewing Machines, seventeen by Employment, and thirteen by Letters for Hospitals. Twenty-two have been "Recommended" to Private Charity, to Institutions, or to the Guardians, and have obtained the assistance required. Sixty-four have been "Dismissed" as either undeserving, or not in distress, or ineligible for the kind of relief sought, *e.g.*, a loan for which no surety is found, or cases for the Poor-law. Thirteen cases have been placed on the Labour Register. Thirty-five have been inquired into and reported on to the Trustees of the Campden, and eleven to those of the Wells Charity. The usual Statistics of Cases are appended, p. 11.

* See specimen cases.

The cases treated have been those of residents in all parts of Hampstead, from—

St. John's Parish Church District	...	42
Christ Church	... ..	36
St. Stephen's	... ..	11
St. Saviour's	... ..	28
St. Mary's, Primrose Hill	... ..	6
St. Peter's, Belsize	... ..	5
St. Paul's, Avenue Road...	... ..	3
Trinity, Finchley Road	... ..	2
All Soul's	... ..	1
St. Mary's, Kilburn	... ..	12

The remainder were Workhouse or homeless cases.

It cannot be too often repeated that the object of this Society is not simply the detection of imposture, but the prevention of the abuse and waste which so frequently attend on ignorant, though well-intentioned almsgiving and the real improvement of the condition of the poor. This can only be secured by the careful investigation of cases, and by the co-operation of alms-givers, in other words, by the organization of charity.

In its last Annual Report the Committee made two suggestions with a view to the larger usefulness of its agency in Hampstead.

The first of these was addressed to the Parochial District Visiting Societies and Charitable Agencies connected with other religious bodies, inviting a closer co-operation. This object was specially urged by the Hon. and Rev. W. H. Freemantle in his address from the chair at the Annual Meeting on December 10th, 1877, when he gave an account of the scheme of co-operation with the Marylebone Committee of the Charity Organization Society, carried out successfully in his own Parish of St. Mary, Bryanstone Square.

The Committee has by no means abandoned the hope of progress in this direction, but such progress has at yet been very slow. The endeavours of the Charity Organization Society to unite all Creeds and Classes in the great cause of Charity, and to furnish in each District a centre for common deliberation and action, is one which can only by degrees be understood and appreciated.

To its second suggestion, that Subscribers to its Funds for the purposes of inquiry and organization should further place some limited sum at its disposal for special cases of distress, the Com-

mittee have obtained some response. Four of its Subscribers have give £5 each to form the commencement of a Special Relief Fund, and some smaller amounts have been received for particular cases. A few other Subscribers have intimated their readiness to help if referred to.

It will be observed that the number of Vagrants applying at the Society's Office for bread has largely increased during the past year.

1870-71 Vagrants relieved with bread				392
71-72	"	"	"	138
72-73	"	"	"	69
73-74	"	"	"	42
74-75	"	"	"	22
75-76	"	"	"	45
76-77	"	"	"	135
77-78	"	"	"	435

This large increase has been experienced by some other Committees of the Society, and corresponds to an increase of Vagrancy throughout the Country. It took place chiefly between October, 1877, and February, 1878, when 202 vagrants were relieved, and it recurred in the month of June, at the time of the hay-harvest, when the number rose to 152 for that month alone. Some reference to it will be found in Work of the Council, p. 4.

It will be seen by the Balance-sheet that the subscriptions to the Society in Hampstead have slightly diminished as compared with last year. On the other hand the Loans have been more quickly repaid and the expenditure has been somewhat smaller. In addition to the ordinary Balance-sheet, an account is appended of the Special Relief Fund above alluded to. It will be observed that the larger portion of this fund was subscribed only in April last, which accounts for a considerable balance in September. There have been heavier demands upon it since.

In conclusion the Committee would congratulate the Hampstead community on the approaching amalgamation of the Campden and Wells Trusts, due in great part to the action of its President, the Rev. S. B. Burnaby, a step which is likely to promote greatly the objects of both these Endowed Charities.

APPENDIX.

1.—TABULAR STATEMENT OF CASES DEALT WITH BY THE COMMITTEE BETWEEN OCTOBER 1ST, 1877, AND SEPTEMBER 30TH, 1878.

CLASS I.—DISMISSED, OR UNFAVOURABLY REPORTED ON, AS—

1. Not requiring relief	15
2. Undeserving	9
3. Cases for Poor Law, or otherwise ineligible ...	40
Total	— 64

CLASS II.—RECOMMENDED TO—

1. The Guardians... ..	6
2. Institutions or Local Agencies	6
3. Private Persons	10
Total	— 22

CLASS III.—ASSISTED BY—

1. Grants	18
2. Loans	24
3. Employment	17
4. Letters for Hospitals, &c.	3
Total	— 72

Grand Total	158
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Reports sent out	12
Inquiries for other Committees	69
Vagrants dealt with	435
Referred to other Committees	3

OCCUPATIONS OF APPLICANTS.

Artificial Florist	...	1	Gas Fitter	...	1
Baker ...	...	1	Hawker ...	...	1
Butcher ...	...	1	Handyman ...	...	25
Book Keeper ...	...	1	Labourer ...	...	15
Bricklayer ...	...	3	Laundry Work ...	...	4
Carpenter ...	...	4	Letter Carrier ...	...	1
Caretaker ...	...	1	Lodging House Keeper...	...	2
Charwomen ...	...	19	Musician...	...	6
Chimney Sweeper ...	...	1	Needlewoman ...	...	5
Clerk ...	...	3	Nurse ...	...	5
Coal Porter ...	...	1	Painter ...	...	5
Coach Trimmer ...	...	1	Porter ...	...	1
Cook ...	...	1	Sailor ...	...	1
Crossing Sweeper ...	...	2	School Mistress ...	...	11
Dressmaker ...	...	2	Servant (Female) ...	...	4
Driver or Groom ...	...	6	Shoemaker ...	...	1
Dog Doctor ...	...	1	Signalman ...	...	1
Engraver ...	...	1	Smith ...	...	1
Engineer ...	...	1	Traveller ...	...	1
Errand Boy ...	...	2			—
Glazier ...	...	2	Total ...	149	
Gardener ...	...	3			—

Of these about 10 per cent. are members of Clubs or Dispensaries.

A FEW SPECIMEN CASES.

ASSISTED BY—

GRANTS.—

No. 25.—A respectable widow, in delicate health and with four children, the eldest thirteen, was referred to the Committee by the Hampstead Board of Guardians, in the following dilemma. Her boy had reached the age of thirteen in December, 1876, and was earning 6s. a-week, which she could ill afford to spare, being herself partly dependent on out relief from the parish. This out relief the Guardians found themselves obliged to withdraw, at the instance of the auditor of the Local Government Board, who refused to allow it, on the ground that the boy had not reached the age of fourteen, to which the requirement of school attendance had by a recent Act been extended. He would however reach the age in seven weeks. The Committee arranged with the clergyman of the district to make the widow an allowance of 4s. weekly, to be shared equally between its own funds and those of the District Visiting Society, until her out relief could be renewed.

No. 114.—The case of a widow suddenly left with five children, only one of whom was able to earn wages, was recommended to the Committee as thoroughly deserving. It appeared on enquiry that the husband had belonged to a club, from which his widow obtained a small sum of money at his death, had also left her a pig, and that she had herself a small laundry business, and was in no pressing want. A short time afterwards she applied for help to procure a wringing machine which would greatly assist her work. The Committee purchased the machine for her at £2 10s.

LOANS.—

No. 104.—A young clerk, with wife and six children, applied to the Committee, having been a whole year out of regular employment, and in great straits. He had been helped by some relatives, not in good circumstances, and by his former employers, whom he had left not altogether creditably to himself and who could not take him back, but were anxious to do the best for him. The Committee advertised for him, but without effect, and obtained for him some temporary assistance from local sources, but it seemed for several months as if nothing could be found for him. At length he obtained an employment for which it was necessary to advance a deposit of £5. He succeeded in obtaining a surety and the money was advanced as a loan by the Committee and is in course of regular repayment, and he is doing well.

No. .—A respectable man, earning regular though small wages, who had been ill, was anxious to obtain the means to go into the country for his health, and applied for a loan of £1. This was advanced on security and punctually repaid.

No. 132.—A man employed on a railway, at low wages, having been obliged to relinquish a former employment, applied for a loan of £1 to purchase boots for four young children. His character was found to be good, and in this case, as the family had recently come into the neighbourhood, a District Visitor was accepted as surety. The loan was punctually repaid.

HOSPITAL LETTER AND GRANT.—

No. 171.—The mother of a family of six children, whose husband is often interrupted in his work by illness, applied for an Orthopædic Hospital letter for a crippled child. The letter, which had previously been kindly placed at the Committee's disposal, with several other hospital letters, by one of its resident subscribers, was granted, and the Committee on learning that attendance at the hospital would be required once or twice a week for some time, and that this was considered by the surgeons as better for the child than being made an in-patient, a small weekly grant was made to pay fare of conveyance, and subsequently 10s. was granted to purchase a perambulator for the purpose.

EMPLOYMENT.—

No. 125.—A poor girl, partially crippled, to whom the Committee had formerly made a grant to enable her to learn book-keeping, now sought employment. Her friends had been advertising for her, but without effect. A member of the Committee succeeded in obtaining for her the employment desired through the agency of the Womens' Provident and Protection League. She continues to hold the position.

DISMISSED AS—

UNDESERVING.—

Cases of this kind are frequently referred for the inquiries of the Society *after being assisted*, instead of *before being assisted*. Suspicion is aroused too late, and an attempt is made to shut the stable door when the horse has been already stolen. Of course it is far better to do this than not to refer the case at all, as future imposition may be checked. But how much evil would be prevented, and how would the flourishing trade of impostors be discouraged, if everyone made it a point of duty and of common sense, as it is, to refer *any stranger whatever* applying for assistance, by petition or otherwise (both letters and petitions are constantly forged), to the nearest office of the Charity Organization Society, which would furnish a report of the case, if it was desired.

No. 29.—A woman has been carrying on for several years past a course of imposition by trading on the compassion of the benevolent through her invalid appearance. She is taken ill in the street, or close to the door of some comfortable house, and, when assistance is proffered, discloses a tale of sickness and distress which generally succeeds in opening the purse. She has gone by the name of Moss and of Frazer, but may probably have assumed another ere this! Her case was

brought to the attention of this Committee in October, 1877, by some ladies in Belsize, who had very wisely tested some of her references for themselves, and found them false. It was discovered that she was well known to several Committees of the C. O. S., and had been obliged to leave London for a time. Shortly afterwards she moved into the neighbourhood of Hampstead Heath, when the Committee warned her landlady, the clergyman of the district, and other residents against her, but she nevertheless succeeded in obtaining money from several benevolent persons. Finding this to be the case, the Committee inserted an advertisement in the "Hampstead Express," which had the effect of making her decamp.

No. 160.—A startling case came before the Committee in the Spring of this year, which may serve as a caution to persons employing wet-nurses. A young woman, professing to be a widow, with one child, had been engaged in that capacity by a lady, some years since, who had afterwards visited her at her home in London, and had formed so good an opinion of her character as to pay her lodgings in Hampstead for her health. The woman was of good appearance, and the Committee, to which she was referred for employment and for aid to redeem clothes from pawn, was most anxious to assist her, and would certainly have done so, had enquiries proved satisfactory. It was discovered, however, that she had never been married, that the man with whom she had lived as her husband had been transported, and that she had since been employed as a servant in more than one house of ill-fame in Marylebone. She was also given to drink.

INELIGIBLE.—

No. 124.—The wife of a crossing-sweeper applied for a loan of £2, to redeem articles from pawn which she had pledged in sickness. On application being made to the person whom she named as willing to become security, it was found that the couple were already in his debt, and that they might do very well if they would only keep from drink.

ENDOWED CHARITIES.

1.—WELLS CHARITY.

Endowment—Seven acres of land adjoining Hampstead Heath, partly built upon, and yielding a gross rental of £1050 annually. It is hoped that the estate will ultimately yield an income of £2000.

Object—The property is now enfranchised, and a new scheme for its management was approved by the Court of Chancery on 17th February, 1875. According to its provisions, the main purpose of the funds of the Charity is the improvement of the dwellings of the poor or labouring classes within the Parish of Hampstead; although the Trustees are permitted, if they think fit, to expend a sum not exceeding £150 in any one year to the further education, apprenticing, or otherwise advancing in life of deserving boys or girls who have attended for at least two years some elementary school in Hampstead.

The powers for improving the dwellings of the poor are very extensive, and enable the Trustees to provide any kind of building which, directly or indirectly, may conduce to the health, convenience, and amusement of the labouring class, without at the same time sapping their independence. The trustees have commenced their work by purchasing a considerable cottage property, long notorious for its bad condition and defective sanitary arrangements, called Crockett's Court, and by erecting on the site of the removed dwellings a block of commodious model lodging-houses. The total cost of site, clearing, and rebuilding is £6100. This building was opened in March, 1877. It contains four sets of three rooms each, fifteen sets of two rooms, and eight sets of one room. The rents are, respectively, 7s., 5s. 6d., and 8s. At the end of September the rooms were nearly all occupied, the number of inhabitants in the building being fifty-two adults and sixty-nine children. There is also a room for classes and other meetings.

Management—Twenty Trustees appointed by the Court of Chancery, with power to fill up vacancies in their own numbers.

2.—STOCK'S CHARITY.

Endowment—£2600 Consols and an annual rent-charge of £4 18s. 9d.

Object—Clothing and educating ten poor fatherless children.

Managers—Ministers of St. John's Parish and Trustees named by Vestry.

Twenty-three children, ten boys and twelve girls, are now receiving its benefits, viz., two suits yearly and school fees paid at any elementary school in Hampstead under Government inspection.

3.—LADY CAMPDEN'S CHARITY.

Endowment—13a. 3r. 4p. of land at Child's Hill. Annual rental, £59.

Object—Relief of respectable poor parishioners, not aided from Poor Rate, in sums of 40s., 20s., and 10s., distributed on St. Thomas's Day. The greater part of the land at Child's Hill has recently been sold, thus producing a large increase of income, realizing the amount of £7500. Application has been made to the Charity Commissioners with a view to the amalgamation of the Campden and Wells Charities.

Managers—Ministers and Churchwardens of St. John's Parish, with other Trustees appointed under order of Charity Commissioners.

An additional portion of Lady Campden's Endowment, amounting to £74 1s. 6d. Consols, together with six other small endowments of the eighteenth century, the whole amounting to £745 19s. 1d., has been vested in the Official Trustees of Charitable Funds, who pay the dividends to the Ministers and Churchwardens of St. John's Parish, to be applied to the purposes of the Trust, viz., small doles of money and of bread.

4.—RUMSEY CHARITY.

Endowment—£889 9s. 8d. Reduced Three per Cents., under will of Thomas Rumsey, 1798.

Object—Distribution of coals at Christmas to poor persons not in receipt of parochial relief.

Managers—Trustees appointed by the Vestry.

UNENDOWED CHARITIES.

1.—HAMPSTEAD FEMALE FRIENDLY SOCIETY

Established in 1802.

Subscriptions of Benefited Members in 1876, £27 6s. 10d.

Subscriptions of Honorary Members, £25 10s.

Dividend on Consols, £39 14s. 2d.

Payments, £71 3s. 4d.

2.—HAMPSTEAD CLOTHING SOCIETY.

Established in 1836.

Deposits in 1877, £465 18s. 7d.

Honorary Subscriptions, £125 11s.

Balance from 1876, £21 2s. 3d.

Bills for Clothing, £586 3s. 8d.

3.—HAMPSTEAD PROVIDENT DISPENSARY.

Established 1845.

Benefited Members' Payments in 1877, £118 12s.

Honorary Subscriptions, Donations and Offertories, £185 6s. 4d.

Number of cases treated in 1877, 869.

4.—HAMPSTEAD DISPENSARY.

Established 1875.

Benefited Members' Payments in 1876, £280 11s. 3d.

Honorary Subscriptions & Donations, Offertories & Boxes, £185 17s. 6d.

Number of cases treated during 1877, 3482.

5.—ST. JOHN'S PARISH CHURCH, 1877.

Offertory Alms appropriated to the poor, £45 0s. 4d.

District Visiting Society—Relief per District Visitors, £77 7s. 10d.

Coal and Blanket Club—Deposits, £43 12s. 10d.

School Clothing Club—Deposits: Boys, £24 10s.; Girls and Infants, £11 16s.

Penny Bank—Deposits, £75 4s. 8d.

6.—CHRIST CHURCH, 1877.

Alms collected by Offertory and Boxes, £116 17s. 9d.

Subscriptions to District Visiting Society, £33 14s. 6d.

These alms are chiefly distributed through the District Visiting Society by tickets.

Coal and Blanket Club—Deposits, £67 15s. 9d.

Penny Bank—Deposits, £100 12s. 9d. No bonuses. Sums received from 1d. to 5s., and transferred above £1 to Savings' Bank. Withdrawal of whole or part at weekly notice. Open at 12, New End, on Saturday evenings.

School Clothing Clubs—Deposits, £41 19s. Premiums, £6 5s. 6d.

7.—ST. STEPHEN'S, 1877.

District Visiting Society—Offertories and subscriptions, £77 7s. 6d., expended in tickets by District Visitors, and cash or tickets by the clergy, among the poor of the parish.

Coal Club—Deposits, £70 16s. 2d.

8.—ST. SAVIOUR'S, 1877.

District Visiting Society—Alms expended, £37 17s.

Provident Fund—Deposits, £119 10s. 7d.

ST. PAUL'S, 1877.

Alms expended on relief of poor, £40 7s.

Provident Club, interest on Deposits, £6 13s. 4d.

10.—HEATH STREET, BAPTIST CHAPEL, 1877.

Sick Poor Relief, £30 6s. 8d.

Church Member's Fund, £79 0s. 7d.

11.—PERRIN'S COURT SICK AND PROVIDENT FUND.

Held at the Working Men's Club. Commenced in 1866. Payments of Members in 1877. No bonuses.

Women's Sick and Provident Club—Payments of Members in 1877. Returns declined.

12.—ROMAN CATHOLIC CHARITIES.

St. Vincent's Orphanage, Holly Place.

Sisters of Providence, Bartrams.

Return of the Number of Beggars apprehended by Police of Division in the Hampstead District, with the result before Magistrates from October 1st, 1877, to September 30th, 1878, both days inclusive.

APPREHENDED.		DISCHARGED.		CONVICTED.		SENTENCES.					
Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	7 Days.	14 Days.	1 Month.	3 Months.	Reformatories and Industrial Schools.	Reformatories.
8	5	3	1	5	4	1	3	2			
Total 13		Total 4		Total 9							

HAMPSTEAD DISTRICT COMMITTEE OF CHARITY ORGANIZATION SOCIETY.

PRIVATE RELIEF FUND.

RECEIVED.		£ s. d.	EXPENDED.		£ s. d.
Jan. 7.	Mrs. Lawford ...	... 1 0 0	Jan. 7.	Specially appropriated to T. Parsons	... 1 0 0
"	F. Schuster, Esq.	... 2 0 0	"	Do. to same	... 2 12 0
Feb. 14.	Mrs. E. B. Squire	... 2 12 0	"	Do. to M. A. Goddard	... 1 0 0
"	Mrs. Field	... 1 0 0	"	Do. to same	... 1 0 0
"	Mrs. Squire	... 1 0 0	Feb. 20.	M. A. Goddard	... 0 10 0
April 5.	F. J. Pfeil, Esq.	... 5 0 0	"	Jemima Poulter	... 1 0 0
"	9. Alfred Bell, Esq.	... 5 0 0	April 5.	William Ball	... 1 0 0
"	16. Sir Rowland Hill, K.C.B.	... 5 0 0	June 5.	Crowson	... 1 0 0
"	25. C. K. Wild, Esq.	... 5 0 0			
		<u>£27 12 0</u>	Sept. 30th.	Balance in hand:—	9 3 0
					18 9 0
					<u>£27 12 0</u>

CHARITY ORGANIZATION SOCIETY.

HAMPSTEAD DISTRICT COMMITTEE.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure from 1st October, 1877, to 30th September, 1878.

RECEIPTS.				EXPENDITURE.			
To Balance from last year's account:—				Subscription to Labour Agency			
At bank	...	...	69 13 5	Rent for four quarters, including fuel and light			
In hand	...	...	1 5 7½	and hire of room for Annual Meeting			
Annual Subscriptions	...	...	70 19 0½	Salary of Charity Officer (one year)			
Donations	...	...	149 8 0	Collector's Poundsage			
Repayment of Loans (including Balance out-	...	...	44 14 6	Printing and Advertising			
standing 30th September, 1877)	...	...	13 14 6	Stationery, Books, and Postage			
Balance due on Loan Account	...	...	2 7 10	Incidental Expenses			
Amount received for hire of Sewing Machines..	...	...	£281 3 10½	Purchase of Sewing Machines			
				Bread to Vagrants			
				Aid—by Grants			
				" by Loans			
				Balance:—			
				At Bank			
				In hand			
				Loans outstanding			
				£281 3 10½			

Examined and found correct,

T. A. EVANS,
JAMES BURFORD, } Auditors.

December 10th, 1878.

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December 10th, 1878.

SOCIETY FOR ORGANIZING CHARITABLE RELIEF
AND
REPRESSING MENDICITY.

North St. Pancras
AND
Highgate Committee.

NINTH ANNUAL REPORT,
1877-8.

OFFICE :—
120, HIGHGATE ROAD,
N.W.

A Labour Register is kept, in which persons of good character are entered for employment. Persons requiring Labourers, Charwomen, or others, are invited to apply at the Office.

The Hon. Secs. will be glad to receive tickets for Hospitals or Convalescent Homes, to be devoted to suitable cases. Parcels of left-off clothing are also very useful.

It is particularly requested that Subscribers will not accept any but printed receipts torn from counterparts.

Tickets to be given to persons asking assistance, on which the donor's name and address should be written, if a report be desired, may be obtained on application; also enquiry forms by those who have frequent occasion to ask for investigation into cases.

The Committee meets on Wednesday evenings at 8 o'clock.

Office Hours :—
10 to 12, half-past 4 to half-past 5.
Saturdays 10 to 2.

President.

WILKINSON, COL. JOSIAH, Fitzroy Park, Highgate, N.

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 SHEPHERD, Rev. T. C., 29, Prince of Wales' Road, N.W.
 SMITH, C. W., 27, Burghley Road, N.W.
 STORR, E. F., 13, Bartholomew Villas, N.W.
 SUTTON, Rev. M. J., 29, Haverstock Hill, N.W.
 SWAIN, E., 115, Highgate Road, N.W.
 TRINDER, Rev. D., The Parsonage, Highgate, N.
 WARN, R. T., 37, Highgate Road, N.W.
 WILLE, W. F., 22, Woodsome Road, N.W.

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Agent and Inquiry Officer.

GEORGE HARRIS.

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HENRY CHENU.

Bankers.

LONDON AND SOUTH WESTERN BANK, KENTISH TOWN BRANCH.

OBJECTS.

THE Objects of the Society for Organizing Charitable Relief and Repressing Mendicity may be stated in the following terms:—

I.—To bring into harmonious co-operation with each other and with the Poor-law authorities the various charitable agencies and individuals in the district, and thus effectually to check the evils of 'overlapping' relief caused by simultaneous but independent action.

II.—To investigate thoroughly the cases of all applicants for charitable relief, whether they are referred to the offices for inquiry and report, or whether they apply of their own accord.

III.—To place gratuitously at the disposal of all charitable agencies and private persons the investigating machinery of the Committee of the Society, and to send, to persons having a legitimate interest in cases, full reports of the results of the investigations made.

IV.—To obtain from the proper charities, or from charitable individuals, suitable and adequate relief for deserving cases.

V.—To assist from its own funds, and as far as possible in the form of loans, all suitable cases for which adequate assistance cannot be obtained from other sources.

VI.—To repress mendicity by the above means, by the gratuitous distribution of Investigation Tickets, and by the prosecution of imposters.

VII.—To afford to the public at large information regarding the objects and mode of working of existing charities.

VIII.—To promote, as far as possible, the general welfare of the poor by means of social and sanitary reforms, and by the inculcation of habits of providence and self-dependence.

REPORT.

Progress.

ON THE completion of the ninth year of their work in this district, the Committee are enabled to look back with satisfaction on the steady, though unfortunately slow, progress their views have been making. Though they find it very difficult to gain new ground, not so much from direct opposition, as from sheer indifference, they at least feel that ground once gained is rarely, if ever, lost.

Few people now are prepared to question the value of having an office in the district to which beggars of every description may be referred, with the assurance that their cases will be suitably dealt with; but many fail to recognize that the Society is anything more than an institution for the suppression of vagrancy. The Committee are very anxious that two, in particular, other aspects of their work should be more clearly understood and better appreciated.

The Committee representative.

They are, as far as possible, representative of all the public bodies and private persons in the district who are dealing with the poor, as such. It will be seen, on referring to the list of the Committee preceding this report, that besides many clergymen and others, representing the charitable workers connected with the places of worship of various denominations, there are also members from the Board of Guardians, the Strangers' Friend Society, the Society for the Relief of Distress, and the Hospital for Sick Children. To these should be added the names of others who, though not finding it convenient to sit on the Committee, are in constant communication with them on all cases that come under their notice. It is therefore evident that the Committee is in no sense an arbitrary, interfering body, attempting to dictate to the charitable, as has

been sometimes supposed, but is in reality a union of those interested in the welfare of the poor, for the purpose of more effectually and wisely accomplishing their object. That some such union is needed—for enquiry, for mutual interchange of information, for securing the most suitable and adequate assistance for cases of real distress, and for promoting such well-considered measures as will not only best meet the needs of individuals, but tend to generally raise the moral condition of the lower classes—those who have been engaged in active work among the London poor will be the first to admit.

Method
of co-
operation
with
clergy.

As a practical illustration is worth much theory, it may be interesting to state the experience of the Committee in one of the poorest parts of the district, which has come constantly under their notice during the past year. Shortly before its commencement, the clergyman in charge entered on his duties in the new mission district of St. Silas, and at once conferred with them with a view to establishing from the first the best system of co-operation they could suggest. He was invited to become a member, and so soon as he was able to form a committee of his district visitors, meeting weekly, to nominate one or more representatives, in order that at least one person connected with the district might be always present at their meetings. (The Hon. Secs. afterwards, at the request of the clergyman, joined the local Committee). Also to refer all persons applying for, or apparently in need of, assistance, to the office for enquiry and report, and to keep the Committee informed, from week to week, as to what relief had been given, and any change in the circumstances of applicants. They, on their part, undertook to investigate (where necessary) and report on all cases, especially as to relief from district visitors of other denominations, and to endeavour to obtain from other sources such assistance, when needed, as might be beyond the reach of himself, or his fellow-workers.

Some of the persons enquired about had already been known

to the Committee for years past, and all delay in dealing with them was avoided by an immediate report. Some it was recommended should not be assisted, as they did not require it, or were undeserving, or suitable only for the Poor Law authorities to deal with. Somewhat more than a third of the whole number were recommended for, and received suitable aid through the local Committee. This still left an almost equal number of cases deserving of assistance, but requiring it of such a nature as was beyond their reach. These the Committee took in hand, and by using their influence with the Guardians, by obtaining admissions to Hospitals and Convalescent Homes, by finding employment, and by enlisting the aid of private persons in various ways where no public institution could meet the case, the whole of these were satisfactorily dealt with.

It will thus be seen that the clergyman and his district visitors were relieved, temporarily or permanently, of all responsibility as regarded about two-thirds of the cases, and by that very fact, placed in a position to deal, even with the small funds at their disposal, more or less adequately, with the remainder. The clergyman, and both Committees, have benefitted by the exchange of information, and the former has been left much freer to attend to his spiritual ministrations than he could otherwise have been, without in the slightest degree giving up his freedom of action in the administration of relief.

Moral
elevation
of
poor.

Another feature of their work, that the Committee are anxious should not be lost sight of, is the moral elevation of the poor. In individual cases where the applicants have fallen into straitened circumstances through their own fault, they have always made a distinction between persistent evil-doers, and those, especially the young, who have yielded in a weak moment to temptation. Among the latter, they could point to many who, had repressive measures only been adopted, would, it is to be feared, have sunk lower and lower in crime

and misery ; but who, taken by the hand and given another start in life, removed as much as possible from the besetting temptation, have recovered, and as far as is known, maintained their place as respectable members of the community. But something much more is needed than the judicious treatment of individuals. It is not sufficient, if permanent good is to be effected, to deal with cases of distress as they arise. The causes must be sought for, and efforts made for their removal, either directly, or indirectly by modifying the conditions by which the poor are surrounded.

Coffee
Tavern.

In connection with this subject they are glad to be able to announce that a Coffee Tavern, promoted by members of the Committee and others, is likely to be opened very shortly in the Malden Road, and they trust that with judicious management, it may be kept free from those abuses to which these places, excellent in themselves, have in more than one instance been found liable.

Reduction of
out-door
relief.

It is worthy of note that the reduction in the number of persons receiving out-door relief from the Guardians, does not appear productive of exceptional hardship or distress. This, so contrary to most persons' expectations, has already been proved to be the case in the east of London, and shows that this subject is very imperfectly understood, and has by no means received the attention it merits.

Hospital
for Sick
Children

Some of the statistics attached to this report call for explanation, as by themselves they would be very misleading. The fact that the number of cases dealt with during the past year has been less than half the number in 1876-7, is due almost entirely to the termination of the arrangement between the Hospital for Sick Children and this Society, by which they agreed to refer all persons applying for medical relief to the local Committees, who stamped the letters of those in a position requiring such aid, and reported on the other cases. Owing, as is understood, to this giving offence to some of the sub-

scribers, whose nominees were occasionally refused, the Council of the Hospital decided that only those persons should be referred who might appear to the officials to be able to pay for medical aid. As judged by the experience of this Committee, the old system was the means of directly preventing persons, who could well afford to subscribe to a Provident Dispensary or pay a doctor, from imposing on the Hospital; while they believe the deterrent effect on others, when it became generally known that inquiries would be made, was still more important. Almost all the few cases that reach them, under the new arrangement, are those of labourers, and the like, earning small wages. They cannot, therefore, but regret, while fully appreciating the financial difficulties with which the Hospital has had to contend, that it was deemed expedient to adopt such a course, and they are of opinion that while some few subscribers might object, others would be disposed to contribute more liberally to the funds of a Hospital that relieved only suitable applicants.

Employment.

The number of persons for whom permanent employment has been obtained is considerably in excess of previous years, and to these should be added those cases which would formerly have appeared under the head of "Employment," but now, as being transferred to the books of the Metropolitan Association for Befriending Young Servants, are entered under "Institutions or Local Agencies."

Aid from private persons.

As regards the sums obtained from "Private Persons" for the assistance of special cases, it must be borne in mind that the list given is only of those which have actually passed through the hands of the Committee, and does not by any means represent the whole of the aid procured in this way.

Proposed list of local charities

It has long been desired to make a systematic collection of information respecting all the charitable agencies in the district, with a view to its publication in the annual reports. Constant pressure of work in the office has hitherto prevented

anything being done in this direction ; but it is hoped that the matter may be taken up during the current year. It is earnestly hoped that all clergymen, secretaries of societies, and others who may be applied to, will co-operate with the Committee by forwarding as full and accurate details as possible.

Need of
funds
and
workers.

In conclusion, the Committee earnestly ask for increased assistance in two ways. Small as their expenses are, they are still compelled to draw from the District Committee Aid Fund of the Council a considerable sum every year. They feel strongly that such a district should be at least self-supporting, if not contributing to the wants of the poorer Committees in the east and south of London. Their work, even thus subsidized, is much hampered for want of means. But more workers are also much needed, and they would especially welcome the services of any ladies or gentlemen who have leisure to occasionally visit cases, in those parts of the district where no available local agencies exist. There is reason to believe that some persons of limited means are deterred from joining in the work from a feeling that they will be expected to contribute to the funds. The Committee are very anxious this misapprehension should be removed, and that it should be clearly understood that they will cordially welcome personal help from all interested in the true welfare of the poor. Far from desiring to claim to be wiser or more judicious individually than their neighbours, they base their claim to support simply on the unquestionable advantages of united action, the result of accumulated experience, over isolated and independent efforts. As individuals, the charitable can do but little to cope with the vast amount of poverty that surrounds them. Together they can do much, not only to relieve the existing distress, but to remove the causes that will inevitably reproduce it.

ILLUSTRATIVE CASES.

DISMISSED AS

Not requiring Relief.

2063.—This case was sent for investigation by St. George's Hospital, a member of the family having applied for free medical relief. It was found that they occupied the whole of a good house, which was their own property. They also had other house property, and a good business.

Undeserving.

2049.—The wife of a carpenter had on several occasions obtained money from a lady in the country, by means of begging letters, pleading that her husband was ill and out of work. The lady became, at last, suspicious and sent the case for investigation. Enquiry shewed that the man had constant work, at high wages, to go to when he pleased, and was organ-blower at a church, from which in different ways he obtained a considerable sum. He was often absent from his work drunk, and he and his wife often came home intoxicated at a late hour, and were in the habit of lying in bed till the middle of the day. The only illness he had had was caused by excessive drinking.

2080. A pianoforte maker, married but without family, applied for a loan in order to redeem his tools, stating that he had employment to go to if he could obtain them. This was found to be untrue, and no one would be security for him. He had been turned out of his lodgings because he used to get drunk, and he and his wife quarrelled and fought. He might have been earning high wages had he attended to his work, but when trade was brisk he spent his time in the parish labour-yard, and for a long time past had been preying on his shop-mates and the charitable.

2086.—The wife of a bricklayer, with a large family, applied to the clergyman of the district for assistance, stating that her husband had gone away, leaving her without means for their support. The clergyman sent it

for investigation before giving any relief. It was ascertained that she was a notorious drunkard, and sent her children out begging. Her husband had not left her. He was only working at a distance, and brought her money from time to time. He would have come home oftener, and given her more, had she not made his home wretched, and spent the money in drink.

RECOMMENDED TO

The Guardians.

2129.—A widow, with five young children, earning a few shillings weekly as charwoman, was referred to this office by the School Board officer, on her stating that she was unable to send her children to school for want of boots. Her character proving very satisfactory, these were provided from Mr. Peek's Fund, and more employment obtained for the mother. The case was also submitted to the Guardians, with the suggestion that one of the children should be taken into Leavesden Schools. This they agreed to do, and the applicant has thus been enabled to support herself and family without other parochial relief.

Institutions, or Local Agencies.

1983.—A widow had been induced to leave her home in the country, and come up to London with her daughter, on the promise of employment. She soon found that her mistress was not in a position to keep and pay them, and she had not means enough left to return. Her character was good, and (through the Metropolitan Association for Befriending Young Servants) situations were obtained for them both. The mother did not stop long in hers, and her new mistress came to the office and spoke unfavourably of her. There seemed, however, some doubt as to the reliability of this person, and another situation was procured for her, in which she is giving the greatest satisfaction. The daughter is also doing well.

2010.—An Italian working jeweller, and his wife, an Englishwoman, without family, came to England some time ago to better their condition, but failing to do so, the husband had returned to his native country alone, intending to send his wife the means to follow him as soon as he had been in employment a short time. This, however, he had been unable to do. A lady, who had been helping the wife, had been unable to raise sufficient for the purpose, and applied to the Committee. It was found that partly through ill-health, and partly through misconduct, the woman had lost her home, and was an inmate of Highgate Infirmary. Also that she would not be able to support herself in this climate, and would therefore have to be

kept on charity, or go to the workhouse. The Committee put themselves in communication with the Italian Benevolent Society, and, eventually, she was provided by them with clothes, and her fare to Paris, with a recommendation to the Consul there to forward her to her husband in Genoa.

2032.—A widow, without family, applied for aid to get employment as charwoman, saying she preferred day-work to service, although want of work had brought her very low. Enquiries resulting satisfactorily, temporary employment was procured for her, and, after some persuasion, she accepted the offer of a situation as domestic servant, and is getting on well.

Private Persons.

2082.—The widow of a carman, with several young children, applied to the clergyman of the district for temporary assistance, as the state of her health, and her children, prevented her from going out to work. Her character was found satisfactory, and her statements correct. The clergyman was recommended to help her during her illness, and on her recovery the Committee obtained a mangle for her, to enable her to obtain a living at home.

2100.—The widow of a clerk who had died a short time before, leaving several young children, applied for a sewing machine. There appeared to be a fair prospect of her obtaining work, and the case was submitted to her late husband's employers, who gave £3. The balance required was made up by others, and the machine supplied.

ASSISTED BY

Loans.

2059.—A widow with two young children, struggling to make a living by letting apartments, applied for a loan to enable her to furnish another room. It was granted, and has since been repaid, and she is doing better. The Committee is frequently applied to by persons who are not in distress, but wish to obtain a loan to in some way better their circumstances. These being regarded as matters of business, in which charitable aid is uncalled for, are in all cases refused.

Employment.

2048.—A single woman, with a child aged eight years, had been respectably connected, but when she applied was almost in a state of starvation.

It turned out that she had been an excellent servant, except that she had at times given way to drink. She seemed anxious to lead a better life, and was provided for temporarily, until clothes and a good situation were procured for her, information as to her failing being given. Her mistress has written from time to time, expressing her satisfaction at her conduct.

2064.—A mechanic, past the prime of life, had for many years past been disabled from following his trade by a crippled arm, and had been unsuccessful in trying to pick up a living by doing odd jobs. Constant employment was obtained for him on the roads, and he has several times expressed his gratitude, and said he is doing better than he has ever done since he had to give up his trade.

2076.—A single young man, who did what he could to help his parents, applied for a loan of £5 to deposit as security with a Tramway Company, into whose service he was about to enter as conductor. He was known to the Committee as having given great satisfaction in a situation previously procured for him by them. They pointed out to him that it would be unwise for him to deposit the money, as several men who had done so had lost their situations and deposits through frivolous complaints. They then obtained for him better employment by another Company, in which he has remained.

2103.—A Scripture-reader, with a wife and four young children, wrote to the President of the Society to which he belonged, stating that he had been suspended owing to an unfounded accusation, and that he and his family were in want of the common necessities of life. The nobleman appealed to forwarded the letter for enquiry. It appeared, on investigation, that a charge had been made against him by a very poor man, and, as there was no chance of obtaining his expenses, he had been compelled to stop an action he had commenced in order to vindicate his character, on the defendant undertaking to withdraw his statement. The vicar of the parish felt that, even if the accusation were untrue, it was not desirable, as great scandal had arisen, that the reader should continue his ministrations in the same neighbourhood. It appeared to the Committee that it was vague and unsupported by any proof whatever. They found that he had acted in the same capacity abroad, and in this country, for several years past, to the satisfaction of his employers, and others with whom he was brought into contact. They, therefore, in addition to the temporary assistance they had obtained for him pending the result of the enquiry, reported favourably to

the nobleman, who also assisted, and used their influence with the Society to get him re-instated in another part of London. In this, after considerable difficulty, they were successful, and then granted him a loan to meet his necessities, until he received his first month's salary. This is now being repaid.

Letters for Hospitals, etc.

1984.—A single young man, who had been ill, applied for a ticket for a convalescent home. His character was good, and he had been the main support of his widowed mother. An admission, and all expenses, were procured for him. He returned in good health, and has been able to continue at his work since.

Occupations of the Applicants.

Agents	8	Labourers	80
Artists	2	Lamp-lighter	1
Board-man	1	Laundrywomen	3
Bricklayers	8	Lay Missionary	1
Broker	1	Lodging-house keepers	4
Cab-drivers	6	Machinists	2
Cabinet-makers	2	Manglers	3
Carmen	12	Needle-women	12
Carpenters	5	No occupation	9
Carrier	1	Nurses	6
Charwomen	21	Organ-builders	2
Clerks	11	Painters	5
Coachmen	2	Photographer	1
Coal-porters	5	Pianoforte-makers	6
Coffee-stall keeper	1	Plasterers	2
Collectors	2	Police-constables	2
Conductor	1	Porters	11
Costermonger	1	Printer	1
Crossing-sweeper	1	Sailor	1
Dress-maker	1	Sawyer	1
Engine-cleaner	1	Scripture-reader	1
Engine-driver	1	Servants	9
Engine-fitter	1	Shoe-makers	2
French-polisher	1	Shop-men	3
Gardeners	4	Signal-men	2
Gas-fitters	2	Smith	1
Glass-stainer	1	Tailors	2
Glazier	1	Travellers	2
Governesses	2	Upholsterer	1
Hair-dresser	1	Warehousemen	2
Horse-keepers	3	Wood-cutters	3
Jewellers	2	Zinc-workers	2

CLASSIFICATION OF CASES DECIDED BY THIS COMMITTEE.

CLASS I.—DISMISSED, OR UNFAVOURABLY REPORTED ON, AS—

1. Not requiring relief.....	27
2. Undeserving.....	21
3. Cases for Poor-Law, or otherwise ineligible.....	19
—Total 67	

CLASS II.—RECOMMENDED TO—

1. The Guardians.....	5
2. Institutions or Local Agencies.....	52
3. Private Persons.....	55
—Total 112	

CLASS III.—ASSISTED BY

1. Grants *.....	0
2. Loans.....	18
3. Employment †.....	28
4. Letters for Hospitals, &c.....	81
—Total 73	

Grand Total 251

† Many others have obtained temporary employment through the aid of this Committee.

Reports sent out	118
Inquiries for other Committees.. .. .	154
Vagrants dealt with	24

* Private benevolence has been administered through the medium of this Committee to assist the undermentioned cases, as follows:—

No.	£	s.	d.	No.	£	s.	d.
750	3	0	0	Brought forward 40 12 6			
1090	1	11	6	2051	0	14	0
1623	4	0	0	2067	0	4	9
1786	0	3	0	2073	1	7	6
1745	2	7	0	2078	1	1	1
1902	0	10	0	2082	6	0	0
1908	1	1	0	2085	0	4	9
1975	1	8	5	2095	0	10	6
1983	0	4	9	2099	0	15	0
1984	1	18	0	2100	5	5	0
1988	0	14	0	2108	2	2	6
1997	0	4	9	2106	0	6	6
2001	0	14	8	2112	0	8	6
2015	2	0	0	2118	0	4	0
2019	1	10	0	2120	0	5	9
2031	5	15	0	2124	1	2	11
2036	2	8	9	2127	0	17	9
2028	2	0	0	2133	8	15	0
2065	1	12	8	2135	5	0	0
2086	1	16	0	2155	2	0	0
2067	0	15	2	2167	3	2	0
2040	1	9	6	2168	8	0	0
2043	1	10	8	2180	0	14	6
2046	1	0	0	2183	2	16	6
2050	1	8	11				
Carried forward £40 12 6				£82 11 0			

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REPORT.

DURING the year ending September 30th, 1878, the Committee have continued to carry on their work with good success, and on the principles to which they have always adhered, and which they have frequently explained. Their view is that relief should never be given without proper enquiry; but that, when given, it should be, as far as possible, thorough. Considering the vast amount of relief given by the State, they abstain, as a rule, from undertaking the same duties which are performed by the Guardians of the Poor; and even in the case of persons deserving of better treatment than can be obtained at the hands of the Guardians, the Committee are too often compelled, for want of a permanent pension fund, to leave incapacitated persons of good character in worse circumstances than they could wish. But in case of sickness, or otherwise where temporary assistance is likely to lead to a restoration of independence, the Committee do not hesitate to assist even persons who are in receipt of Parish Relief. Indeed, they are never unwilling to act where they can see a fair prospect of lifting the applicant out of the slough of pauperism. It is very easy to reduce the official returns of pauperism by annexing to relief conditions so strict that the more respectable poor will rather starve than accept them, or by insisting inexorably on the law of settlement. The real pauperism of the Metropolis may be on the increase while the Poor-Law authorities are congratulating themselves on its apparent diminution. But the Committee are continually in contact with a large class of persons who, unless an effort be made, will inevitably become true paupers, whether they ever go to swell the official returns or whether they only gradually pine away and die of slow starvation. To supply the means of a livelihood, to relieve the permanent pressure, to remove to a more favorable soil—these are the common tasks of the Committee; and in performing them there is the reward of very considerable success.

The most familiar, the ever present, the typical, cases of distress are those of widows. There are also deserted wives, who are practically

widows; and women with idle or dissipated husbands, who are worse off than widows. The last-named class are the despair of the benevolent. No public or responsible body can make a practice of maintaining the family of a man who can but will not maintain them, at all events unless it be armed with powers of compulsion and punishment of the delinquent. Now there is practically no mode of compelling a man to maintain his wife and children except by their getting parish help, in which case the Guardians can take him before the magistrate and have him punished. No private Committee or person can do this. Civil Courts are useless as against a man living on weekly wages. And the Committee are accordingly seldom able to give help in such cases.

But with regard to widows there is ample scope. They may receive from the Parish the regulation shilling and loaf for each child, it being considered—though often far enough from the truth—that they can eke out this pittance by earnings or charitable aid. A widow often finds herself at the end of a month or six weeks from her husband's death penniless, with several young children to keep—one perhaps in arms, and without any means of keeping them. The club money or the workshop subscription has been spent in funeral expenses and some scanty mourning. The Committee deal with these cases in the following way. They are ready to give a little temporary help. They examine whether there be a prospect of increasing the mother's earnings—especially by a sewing machine or mangle, or some employment which will not take her too long away from the children—and they act accordingly. Or they try to take one or even more of the children off her hands. A widow can seldom scrape together enough to keep more than herself and two children, at the utmost; and, painful though the parting be, it is necessary to provide for the extra children elsewhere. Schools and orphanages are very valuable, and the Committee have a good deal of good work to shew under this head. But there is much more to be done, and the Committee hope that this Report may reach the eye of some persons who will be willing to assist in maintaining orphan children.

The Committee have also made constant use of those admirable charities, the Convalescent Homes. They have sent fifty-nine persons in the year to such Homes. Whether for adults or children, they are at once among the most valuable and the least perilous of all benevolent institutions. In helping the sick there is less danger than in almost any other class of cases of undermining that sense of independence which is our only safeguard against overwhelming pauperism. The Committee not only avail them-

selves of the large metropolitan homes of this kind, but are in correspondence with several country and sea-side homes, which for many cases, and especially for children, are still more efficient.

The number of cases requiring the assistance of the Committee during the past year has not been so large as in the year before: but the difference is chiefly due to the fact that the Children's Hospital in Great Ormond Street has not found it necessary to continue to refer all its patients for enquiry. Not a few of the cases coming before the Committee are referred to them by the Marylebone Divisional Committee of the School Board, and are assisted, when deserving, at the expense of the fund so generously placed at the disposal of the Society for this purpose by Mr. Francis Peek.

The Committee are collecting information as to the different charities operating in their district, and the table of church and chapel charities given below, though very incomplete, will perhaps be found useful, and is intended to be the foundation of a more extended list next year. The Committee hope to be able in future to secure a more active co-operation between themselves and these different charities.

An enquiry has also been made as to how many of the 588 applicants to the Committee for relief belonged to any club or benefit society. The result is that ninety-three, or 16 per cent., are found to have belonged to such societies.

The Committee commend their work, and especially their growing work of relief, to the attention of their neighbours. Though they keep no fund for relief, they are always procuring it in considerable sums from those who will give it, deeming it better that each case should be separately relieved, not by them, but by persons to whom they refer and who know exactly *to whom and for what they are giving*. All such relief goes to the poor *free from all deduction for expenses*, which are paid out of the general fund of the Committee. The Committee thank the benevolent friends and Societies who have in this way distributed to the poor through their hands some £420 in the course of the year, and are very desirous to add to their number. The winter upon which we have now entered threatens to be a period of very severe distress, and the Committee make a special appeal for this special need.

The usual statistics and tables will be found below.

CLASSIFICATION OF CASES.

A RETURN OF CASES DECIDED BY THE COMMITTEE DURING THE YEAR
OCTOBER 1, 1877—SEPTEMBER 30, 1878.

CLASS I.—DISMISSED OR UNFAVOURABLY REPORTED ON—

1. Not requiring relief	80
2. Undeserving	91
3. Cases for Poor Law or otherwise ineligible	122
—Total	293

CLASS II.—RECOMMENDED TO (*i. e.*, ASSISTED THROUGH THE
INTERVENTION OF THE COMMITTEE BY)—

1. The Guardians	7
2. Institutions or Local Agencies	66
3. Private persons... ..	148
—Total	221

CLASS III.—ASSISTED BY—

1. Grants	19
2. Loans	3
3. Employment	52
4. Letters for hospitals	—Total 74

Grand Total 588

Reports of cases issued to divers persons	165
Enquiries for other Committees	293

The Committee has held during the year 1877-78 97 meetings.

PARISH OF S. PANCRAS.

Return of Persons receiving Relief from the Guardians.

Numbers chargeable during the week ending the 29th September, 1877.		Numbers chargeable during the week ending the 26th September, 1878.	
In-door—Not able-bodied ...	1986	In-door—Not able-bodied ...	1934
" Able-bodied ...	36	" Able-bodied ...	49
" Children at schools ...	784	" Children at schools ...	779
" Lunatics, imbeciles at asylums ...	792	" Lunatics, imbeciles at asylums ...	825
Out-door—Not able-bodied... ..	2111	Out-door—Not able-bodied... ..	1893
" Able-bodied ...	714	" Able-bodied ...	630
" Children ...	1668	" Children ...	1480
	8091		7590

LIST OF CASES CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO OCCUPATION, AND NUMBER WHO
WERE IN ANY CLUB OR BENEFIT SOCIETY.

Cases. Club.			Cases. Club.		
Artificial Florist ...	1		Brought forward ...		
Accountant ...	1		Knife Grinder ...	1	
Artist ...	2		Labourer ...	35	6
Butcher ...	2		Law Writer ...	1	
Brushmaker ...	3	2	Lodging-house Keeper	4	
Billposter ...	1		Laundress ...	15	1
Brass Finisher ...	3		Milk Carrier ...	1	
Butler ...	2		Mangler ...	5	1
Basketmaker ...	1	1	Mason ...	1	
Bottler ...	1		Map Colorer ...	1	
Bricklayer ...	3	2	Monumental Engraver	2	
Baker ...	1		Nurse ...	9	
Carman ...	10	3	Needlewoman ...	38	3
Chintz Glazer ...	1		*No Occupation ...	73	6
Chairmaker ...	3		(Or of whose trade no sufficient information can be obtained.)		
Charwoman ...	28		Omnibus Conductor ...	3	
Carpet Beater ...	1	1	Organ Builder ...	1	1
Colonel ...	1		Printer ...	9	1
Compositor ...	1	1	Painter ...	19	3
Crossing Sweeper ...	1		Pianomaker ...	4	1
Coachmaker ...	2	1	Plasterer ...	6	3
Costermonger ...	7		Plumber ...	1	
Coffee-house Keeper ...	1		Policeman ...	3	1
Cartridgemaker ...	2		Puzzle Cutter ...	1	
Carpenter ...	10	5	Paperhanger ...	1	
Candlemaker ...	1		Porter ...	18	5
Cigarmaker ...	1	1	Pebble Polisher ...	1	
Cabinetmaker ...	10	3	Picture-frame Maker ...	1	
Cabman ...	17	6	Schoolmistress ...	2	
Coachman ...	3		Saddler ...	2	
Cook ...	4		Shoemaker ...	17	7
Clerk ...	8		Stationer ...	2	
Commercial Traveller ...	1	1	Surveyor ...	2	
Carver and Gilder ...	2		Sawyer ...	1	
Decorator ...	2		Stableman ...	5	2
Doctor ...	3		Stoker ...	1	1
Dressmaker ...	17	1	Salesman ...	2	1
Domestic Servant ...	20	1	Smith ...	2	
Engine Driver ...	3	2	Silversmith ...	2	1
Electrician ...	1		Shopkeeper ...	12	5
Engineer ...	5	1	Tailor ...	12	4
French Polisher ...	4	1	Telegraph Inspector ...	1	
Farrier ...	3	1	Toolmaker ...	1	1
Frisettemaker ...	1		Tutor ...	3	
Governess ...	4		Tinman ...	1	
Glass Cutter ...	1		Upholsterer ...	3	
Hatter ...	2		Vergers ...	1	
Hairdresser ...	1		Watchmaker ...	1	
Hawker ...	4		Wood Turner ...	5	3
Iron Turner ...	1	1	Warehouseman ...	3	1
Jeweller ...	1				
Carried forward ...				554†	93

* Includes (1) widows recently bereaved; (2) begging letter writers.

† This number differs from the total number of cases assisted because some cases assisted on different occasions appear more than once.

SPECIMENS OF CASES.

I. CASES ASSISTED.

Case No. 4677.—Sent by School Board Officer.—A boy of ten was continually absent from school for want of boots. The mother had been left a widow about two years ago and had five children to support. At that time a little money had been collected for her, and she had set up a small shop, but in six months she had been completely ruined. She now earned only a few shillings a week by her needle, and was utterly unable to support so many children. The woman's character being very satisfactory, the boots wanted by the second boy were given at once, and the Committee decided to make every effort to put the mother in the way of earning her living. A boy of ten years, who was delicate, was placed in an orphanage by the kindness of a gentleman, the Committee providing his outfit out of the Peek Fund; and a girl of six was sent to a home in the country, £10 being paid out of the same fund for her admission. The mother's health however seemed to be giving way, and her eyes were so much affected that she was unable to sew. The doctor said she only needed change of air and good food for a few weeks: so she was sent to a convalescent home for a month, and on her return, much improved in health, a sewing machine was obtained for her. She now has plenty of work, and her eldest boy (12), is learning the trade of a box maker and earning 6s. a week, with a prospect of increase. The younger boy, who was before scarcely ever at school, is now doing well at the orphanage where he has been placed. Thus by relieving this widow of two of her children she has been put in the way of supporting the rest. But for this timely help the whole family would have drifted on to the poor rates.

Case No. 4765.—Emigration.—A harness maker applied to the Committee to assist him to emigrate. The man received an excellent character from his employer, for whom he had worked for nine years. He had lately been out of health, suffering from a bronchial affection. His wife also was troubled with rheumatism. Their doctor informed the Committee that nothing would be so beneficial to them as a sea voyage and a residence

in a warmer climate. The Queensland Emigration Agency agreed to take the man and his wife and children on payment of £15. The man raised £3 among his friends, and the Committee procured £12. The whole family sailed for Queensland in June last.

Case No. 4872.—Temporary Assistance during Sickness.—A man who had been some time ill in the University College Hospital, had been advised by the doctor to go to Bath Mineral Hospital. Caution money is required by the Bath Hospital, and the man applied to the Committee to advance the caution money, to pay his fare back, and to give his wife and children an allowance whilst he was at Bath. He bore an excellent character, but he had been some time ill, and had had heavy doctor's bills to pay. He therefore was quite unable to procure the caution money, or to provide for his wife and children during his absence. Through the intervention of the Committee, the Secretary of the Samaritan Fund of the University College Hospital agreed to advance the caution money and pay the railway fare from Bath, and the applicant's employer agreed to pay his rent during his absence. The clergyman of the parish paid his fare down. An allowance of 12s. a week was then made to the wife and family. After a stay of a few weeks at Bath, the man returned, greatly benefited in health and able to go back to work.

Case No. 4807.—Education of the Blind.—In this case a boy, the son of a respectable cabinet maker, had met with an accident, which had caused him to lose his sight. The parents bore a high character, but through ill health of children and other misfortunes had become reduced in circumstances. The Society for teaching the Blind had agreed to educate the boy if £15 a year could be procured. The parents were for the time unable to meet the payments. The Committee therefore obtained money to pay for the boy the first half year, the parents expecting to be able to meet the further payments themselves. As the father was out of health, he was sent for a few weeks to a convalescent home.

Case No. 4380.—Assistance to Orphans.—A girl of 18 years of age was living with her young brother aged 9 in lodgings alone. Their father was dead and their mother, aged 45, was in a lunatic asylum. A cousin paid for their lodgings, and they had received some little help from other friends, which could not be continued. The girl was anxious to be earning her own livelihood, but she could not leave her brother, who was very delicate and totally uneducated. Assistance was therefore asked, that the boy might be

clothed and educated, so as to enable the girl to work. It was found that there was a little money belonging to the family in a solicitor's hands—but owing to the mother being a lunatic and all the children under age, the money could not be at present reached. The Committee have been enabled to send the boy to the Edgware Orphanage and to guarantee the cost of his education. They have also obtained for the girl an outfit and a good situation as a domestic servant.

Case No. 4797.—Surgical assistance for Deformed Child.—This was an application from a carman, a widower, who had a deformed child who was also motherless. He wished to have his child placed for two months in the Orthopaedic Hospital. This involved a weekly payment of 7s. 6d. The father agreed to pay 3s. 6d. a week, and the Committee procured the remaining 4s. They also obtained a surgical boot for the child on the recommendation of the Hospital authorities.

Case No. 4814.—Loan.—A blind basketmaker applied for a loan of £3, as he had lately been slack of work. His wife also was blind. Enquiries proved them to be sober, honest, striving people. The Committee thought that £3 was a sum too large for them to repay. They therefore obtained a gift of 30s., and a loan of 30s., the lady who had sent the case kindly becoming security. The people were thus again set up in their trade, and the loan has been regularly repaid.

Case No. 4758.—Widow.—A respectable widow was desirous of procuring a mangle to earn a livelihood with. On the enquiries proving satisfactory, it was decided that the mangle should be procured for her. The woman said that she would be willing to pay back part of the cost. The mangle was therefore made partly a gift and partly a loan. The loan has now been entirely paid off.

Case No. 4644.—Temporary help to prevent loss of employment.—A widow of 29 years of age with three young children applied to the Committee for a new mangle to enable her to carry on her business, which she was gradually losing, owing to the worn out condition of her old mangle. She was a respectable, hard working woman, getting 7s. a week by her mangling, and receiving 4s. 6d. weekly from the parish, and out of this she had to pay 7s. 6d. for weekly rent, and to keep herself and her children. Her mangle was put in thorough repair for her, at a cost of three guineas, which the Committee obtained from her deceased husband's employer.

II. CASES DISMISSED.

Case No. 4880.—The wife of a carpenter applied for a loan of £2. Enquiries were made of her landlady, who gave a very unfavourable opinion of her, saying that she was much given to drink; and it was elicited also from other sources, that both wife and husband were drunken and foul-mouthed people, and that the wife had been in custody for being drunk and incapable of taking care of her infant child. The case was accordingly dismissed.

Case No. 4762.—A woman who described herself as a nurse applied to the Committee to send her to a Convalescent home. On enquiries being instituted it was found that she was greatly given to drink, which was probably the cause of her being ill. She had been constantly discharged from situations through intemperance. She had also from time to time been admitted into various Hospitals and Convalescent Homes where her conduct had been uniformly unsatisfactory. She had been for some time in the Dudley Stuart Home, and had left owing money. She had been employed at the Small Pox Hospital at Highgate, but had been discharged owing to drink. This woman had obtained money from several charitable ladies, and the money had been spent at the gin palace. Her mother and sister were very respectable people, and said they were ashamed that any relation of theirs should apply for charity, and that it was her own doing, and all was owing to the curse of drink. This application was therefore dismissed by the Committee.

LIST OF CHARITIES CONNECTED WITH CHURCHES OR CHAPELS IN THE DISTRICT.

[*.* The Committee beg to thank the Clergy and others who have kindly assisted them in collecting the following information, and will be glad to receive notice of any errors or omissions which may have been caused by want of time and the difficulties attending their first collection of such particulars.]

1. *S. Pancras*.—REV. CANON SPENCE, *S. Pancras Vicarage, Gordon Square*.

Name of Charity or Institution.	Approximate Expenditure.	Remarks.
District Visiting Society ..	£132 ..	
Maternity Society	£23 ..	
Invalid and Soup Kitchen..	£180 ..	..Miss Scadding, Treasurer.
Provident Clothing and Needlework Society	£166 ..	..Miss Emmeline Baker, Treasurer. £100 produced by sale of work, the balance by contributions.
Mothers' Meetings	— ..	
Provident Club .....	— ..	..£227 contributed.

2. *All Saints, Gordon Square*.—REV. A. B. GODSON, *Rector, 1, Gordon Street*.

District Visiting Society ..	£38 ..	
Provident Club	£550 ..	..Amount in hand from depositors up to end of 1877.
Offertory	£62 ..	
Needlework Society	£65 ..	
Winter Relief Fund	£27 ..	..This is a fund to help deserving poor people known to the Rector, by giving them coal, soup, &c., during the winter months.
Coal Club	£42 ..	

3. *Old S. Pancras*.—REV. W. A. ARROWSMITH, *Vicar, 99 Adelaide Road*.

District Visiting Society ..	£80 ..	..Expended in 2673 tickets for bread, meat, coals, and groceries.
Maternity Society .....	— ..	..Boxes of baby linen lent for about a month.
Blanket Loans .....	— ..	..Blankets lent to the most deserving during the winter months.

4. *S. Peter, Regent Square*.—REV. R. H. A. BRADLEY, *Vicar, 1a Russell Square*.

Maternity Society .....	— ..	..Apply on Monday mornings to Mrs. Russell, 8 Mecklenburgh Square.
Mothers' Meeting .....	— ..	..Held every Monday at 2.30 p.m. in 41 Regent Square, and in Prospect Terrace.
Meat Kitchen and Blanket Store .....	— ..	..Dr. Lydall, 19 Mecklenburgh Sq., Treasurer.
Working Men's Club .....	— ..	..Club is in Prospect Terrace. Rules to be had from Rev. J. B. B. Oakeley, 41 Regent Sq.
Provident Fund .....	— ..	..For Rules apply to Rev. J. B. B. Oakeley, 41 Regent Square.

5. *S. John the Evangelist, Charlotte Street, Fitzroy Square.*—REV. J. J. COXHEAD, 8 Gordon Street.

Name of Charity or Institution.	Approximate Expenditure.	Remarks.
District Visiting Society ..	£66	..
Coal and Clothing Club....	£183 4s. 6d.	£174 10s. 4d. contributed by members.
Shoe Club	£40	£36 contributed by depositors.
Maternity Fund	£10	£7 10s. contributed.
Youths' Institute	£43	£22 contributed by members. Temperance principles.
Working Men's Club.....	£43	Self-supporting, with £11 subscriptions from honorary members and visitors.
Christmas Treat	£22	..
Midsummer Treat	£77	..

6. *Christ Church, Albany Street.*—REV. J. W. FESTING, 8 Chester Place.

Needlework Society	£117	..This sum is spent in paying poor needlewomen to make clothes, which are afterwards sold to the poor at the wholesale cost of materials. \$74 produced by sale of work.
Clothing Club	—	..A bonus of 1s. 6d. is given to each depositor at Christmas in clothes or coals. Deposits amounted to £ and bonuses to £16.
Coal Club	—	..Interest of 1d. in the shilling given on 1st November on money deposited.
Provident Society	—	..Interest 5 per cent., with deposit returned on 2nd Monday in November. £25 expenses.
Maternity Charity	£7	..To lend bags of linen.
Infants' Nursery	£80	..Women who go out to work can leave children here on payment of 6d. a day, which pays for food. A balance of £80 a year has to be subscribed.
Meat and Groceries	£36	..
Coals	£20	..
Blankets, &c.	£4	..
Boots in Schools	£27	..
Aged Persons	£32	..Weekly allowances.
Medical and Surgical Aid and Convalescents	£16	..
Wine for Sick	£9	..
Soup Kitchen Tickets	£10	..
School fees for poor children	£31	..

7. *St. Jude's, Gray's Inn Road; pop. 7500.*—REV. J. M. ANDREWS, 47 Argyle Square.

District Visiting Society ..	£85	..
Maternity Society	£10	..
Parochial Mission Women Society	£19	..
Parochial Deaconess	£48	..Superintends the mission women, and visits W. of Gray's Inn Road.
Offertory	£25	..For the poor.
Provident Club	—	..At Britannia Street Schools.

8. *Christ Church, Somers Town.*—REV. P. S. O'BRIEN, 18 Oakley Square.

District Visiting Society ..	£26	..
Maternity Society	£10	..
Coal Club	£80	£62 contributed by depositors.
Children's Clothing Club ..	£27	£24 contributed by depositors.
New Year's Dinner.....	£5 6s.	..To sixty old and aged communicants.
Blanket Loan Fund	—	..

9. *S. Mary's, Somers Town; pop. 9152.*—REV. J. C. STEVENSON, 15 *Har-
rington Square.*

Name of Charity or Institution.	Approximate Expenditure.	Remarks.
District Visiting and Ma- ternity Society	£34	..
Provident Fund	—	..About £412 received.
Scripture Readers' Associ- ation	£10	..
Mothers' Meeting	—	..
Medical Fund	—	..In connection with District Visiting Society. Gives dispensary letters to members who pay 4d. a week.

10. *S. James', Hampstead Road.*—REV. C. W. HODSON, 39 *Regent's Park
Road.*

District Visiting Society ..	—	..
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11. *S. Saviour's, Fitzroy Square.*—REV. C. H. TURNER, 50 *Fitzroy Square.*

District Visiting Society ..	£90	..Ten visitors. Relief given chiefly in kind.
Provident Fund	—	..1s. in the £ interest on all sums deposited be- fore the 30th of June. Receipts about £86.
Dorcas Society	£22	..Clothing given only after enquiry.
Mothers' Meeting	£22	..Materials sold to the women under cost price, and the deficiency made up by the District Visiting Society. The mothers paid £17 of the £22.

12. *S. Matthew's, Bedford New Town.*—REV. C. PHILLIPS, 53 *Oakley Square.*

District Visiting Society ..	—	..Relief given in kind and restricted to the sick poor, except in extreme cases,
Provident Fund	—	..The District Visiting Society has the manage- ment of all the parish charities and spent last year £77 8s. 3d.

13. *S. Thomas', Camden Town.*—REV. R. P. CLEMENGER, *The Vicarage,
Elm Road.*

District Visiting, Clothing, and Maternity Society ..	£60	..About £33 given in money and the rest in kind.
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14. *Park Street Chapel.*—REV. J. C. HARRISON, 66, *Regent's Park Road.*

Mothers' Meeting	£35	..
Benevolent and Maternal Society	£84	..
Dorcas Society	£37	..

15. *Congregational Church, Tolmers Square.*—REV. A. HALL, 204 *Stanhope
Street, Hampstead Road.*

Sick Visiting Society	£8	..For visiting and assisting the sick poor.
Maternity Society	£16	..
Mothers' Meeting	£10	..Nearly self-supporting.
Penny Bank	—	..823 depositors. About £300 taken.

**LIST OF GRANTS MADE THROUGH THE INTERVENTION OF THE COMMITTEE
DURING THE YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30TH, 1878.**

No. of Case.			£	s.	d.	No. of Case.			£	s.	d.
858	...	...	3	0	0	Brought forward			124	13	8
1066	...	...	0	3	6	4288	...	...	1	0	0
1609	...	...	5	0	0	4307	...	...	0	10	0
1716	...	...	1	0	0	4315	...	...	1	10	0
1799	...	...	2	0	0	4319	...	...	1	19	0
2098	...	...	1	3	6	4588	...	...	0	18	0
2180	...	...	2	0	6	4370	...	...	1	4	7
2215	...	...	1	10	0	4428	...	...	0	10	0
2274	...	...	6	0	0	4431	...	...	1	6	0
2364	...	...	2	8	6	4445	...	...	3	17	6
2463	...	...	1	2	0	4453	...	...	1	1	0
2670	...	...	0	12	0	4461	...	...	3	10	0
2674	...	...	4	14	6	4507	...	...	0	3	6
2675	...	...	4	7	0	4521	...	...	0	11	0
2765	...	...	7	16	6	4529	...	...	11	18	6
2778	...	...	9	8	5	4535	...	...	0	3	0
2898	...	...	0	10	0	4536	...	...	1	10	3
2917	...	...	0	7	0	4543	...	...	1	10	0
2976	...	...	0	10	0	4545	...	...	0	4	0
2998	...	...	1	0	0	4559	...	...	0	12	0
3013	...	...	0	7	6	4565	...	...	0	10	0
3299	...	...	0	10	0	4567	...	...	1	0	0
3305	...	...	3	18	6	4570	...	...	0	5	9
3318	...	...	2	13	6	4574	...	...	0	3	6
3347	...	...	2	8	6	4577	...	...	0	10	10
3413	...	...	2	16	0	4578	...	...	0	10	0
3420	...	...	0	13	6	4582	...	...	1	0	0
3421	...	...	1	8	0	4584	...	...	0	5	6
3505	...	...	0	10	0	4598	...	...	1	0	0
3672	...	...	3	10	0	4601	...	...	5	18	0
3798	...	...	1	2	6	4609	...	...	1	0	0
3819	...	...	0	1	6	4612	...	...	1	10	0
3846	...	...	3	10	0	4615	...	...	2	10	0
3858	...	...	3	19	9	4622	...	...	3	0	0
3887	...	...	1	6	6	4632	...	...	4	14	3
3926	...	...	4	6	6	4637	...	...	1	10	0
3980	...	...	14	15	6	4639	...	...	0	5	0
4012	...	...	10	15	0	4641	...	...	0	10	0
4058	...	...	0	5	0	4644	...	...	3	3	0
4082	...	...	2	0	0	4646	...	...	0	7	0
4195	...	...	1	0	0	4650	...	...	1	17	3
4201	...	...	0	10	0	4653	...	...	5	12	0
4235	...	...	0	12	6	4657	...	...	3	0	0
4273	...	...	2	0	0	4664	...	...	2	10	5
4285	...	...	5	5	0	4666	...	...	1	10	0
Carried forward						Carried forward					
124 13 8						202 14 6					

No. of Case.			£	s.	d.
	Brought forward	202	14	6	
4671	...	...	1	0	0
4672	...	...	1	15	0
4675	...	...	0	6	6
4677	...	...	33	10	0
4683	...	...	0	15	0
4686	...	...	0	10	0
4689	...	...	1	10	0
4697	...	...	1	0	0
4698	...	...	1	4	0
4704	...	...	0	10	0
4705	...	...	7	10	0
4706	...	...	3	16	0
4710	...	...	5	0	0
4711	...	...	1	0	0
4712	...	...	0	15	0
4713	...	...	1	0	0
4715	...	...	6	0	0
4719	...	...	5	0	0
4721	...	...	2	1	6
4732	...	...	0	5	0
4734	...	...	2	0	0
4735	...	...	3	0	0
4738	...	...	6	5	0
4742	...	...	1	0	0
4744	...	...	0	10	6
4747	...	...	2	0	0
4748	...	...	1	9	6
4749	...	...	1	5	0
4751	...	...	4	18	3
4752	...	...	1	0	0
4753	...	...	0	18	4
4757	...	...	0	13	0
4758	...	...	1	10	0
4760	...	...	2	0	0
4765	...	...	12	0	0
4766	...	...	0	14	0
4770	...	...	1	10	0
4772	...	...	2	12	0
4774	...	...	0	1	6
4783	...	...	0	3	6
4784	...	...	0	15	0
4786	...	...	2	1	0
4789	...	...	0	3	6
4791	...	...	2	4	6
4797	...	...	2	0	0
Carried forward		329	17	1	

No. of Case.			£	s.	d.
	Brought forward	329	17	1	
4802	...	...	4	4	6
4804	...	...	1	3	0
4805	...	...	0	3	6
4806	...	...	0	15	0
4809	...	...	0	1	0
4811	...	...	1	10	0
4814	...	...	1	10	0
4815	...	...	2	12	6
4817	...	...	4	3	4
4820	...	...	3	11	9
4826	...	...	2	13	0
4828	...	...	1	10	6
4833	...	...	10	0	0
4836	...	...	1	0	0
4837	...	...	0	8	0
4838	...	...	5	0	0
4846	...	...	2	9	0
4848	...	...	6	10	0
4852	...	...	1	0	0
4854	...	...	5	15	0
4856	...	...	3	6	0
4857	...	...	2	10	0
4858	...	...	1	10	0
4859	...	...	4	0	0
4860	...	...	2	1	0
4867	...	...	0	3	6
4868	...	...	0	2	6
4871	...	...	1	10	0
4872	...	...	4	0	0
4874	...	...	0	1	6
4878	...	...	0	3	6
4881	...	...	0	10	0
4886	...	...	1	15	0
4890	...	...	1	4	3
4891	...	...	1	14	0
4897	...	...	1	11	0
4898	...	...	1	7	6
4899	...	...	1	4	0
4900	...	...	1	10	0
4902	...	...	1	4	6
4911	...	...	0	6	6
4916	...	...	1	17	0
4919	...	...	3	10	0
4926	...	...	1	10	0
Dinner tickets	...	...	1	6	0
			£425	14	11

LIST OF DONORS OF GRANTS.

	£	s.	d.
Adams, Rev. W. P. C.	1	10	0
Andrews, Rev. J. M.	1	0	0
Bedford, R.	0	10	0
B. P. W.	1	10	0
Central Office (Convalescent Cases)	6	9	6
Cutler, E.	1	0	0
Chick, S.	2	0	0
C. L.	1	0	0
Cook, Mrs. F.	2	2	6
Dutton, Miss	1	0	0
Ellice, E.	2	0	0
Erskine, Miss J.	2	10	0
Exeter, Dowager Marchioness of	5	0	0
Evans, J.	10	0	0
Gandar, T. F.	3	16	0
Hospital for Sick Children	0	3	0
Hoare, Mrs.	0	10	0
Holmes, A.	1	5	0
Hatherton, Lady	1	10	0
Hicks, G. M.	10	10	0
J. B. (for Convalescent Cases)	10	0	0
L. A. M.	3	10	0
Midland Railway Company	6	0	0
Marylebone Committee, per	2	0	0
Mocatta, F. D.	4	0	0
M. E. J.	0	2	6
M. C.	0	6	3
M. E. C.	2	0	0
Northampton, Marquis of	0	10	0
Norbury, J.	5	0	0
Neale, H. V.	2	0	0
Peek Fund	150	17	8
Rosebery, Countess of	2	0	0
S. F.	84	3	1
Society for the Relief of Distress	44	10	10
Smith, A. L.	1	0	0
Swanwick, The Misses	2	10	0
Stanley, W. F.	3	3	0
Scott, Mrs. B.	6	0	0
Salt, The Misses	1	10	0
T.	0	7	7
Wedgwood, Miss	3	0	0
Worale, P.	9	0	0
Wailes & Robinson, Messrs.	1	0	0
Vaughan, H.	3	0	0
Young, Mrs.	0	10	0
X. Y.	22	8	0

£425 14 11

**LIST OF LOANS MADE THROUGH THE INTERVENTION OF THE COMMITTEE BY THE
TRUSTEES OF THE S. PANCRAS PERMANENT LOAN FUND DURING THE YEAR
ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1878.**

		£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
1	at	0	10	6	...	0	10	6
8	„	1	0	0	...	8	0	0
8	„	1	10	0	...	4	10	0
3	„	2	0	0	...	6	0	0
4	„	3	0	0	...	12	0	0
1	„	3	10	0	...	3	10	0
2	„	4	0	0	...	8	0	0
1	„	5	0	0	...	5	0	0
1	„	10	0	0	...	10	0	0
<hr/> 19 Loans							<hr/> £52 10 6	
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*. * The Trustees of this Fund are Members of the Committee, and the working expenses and any losses are paid by the Committee.

S. PANCRAS PERMANENT LOAN FUND

Balance Sheet for the year ending September 30, 1878.

Dr.		Cr.	
		£	s. d.
To Fund available for Loans as per Last Account		185	14 0
		<hr/>	
		74	3 6
By Cash—			
In hand		19	19 6
At Bankers		54	4 0
		<hr/>	
By Loans outstanding—			
As per last Account		60	10 6
Granted this year		52	10 6
		<hr/>	
		113	1 0
Deduct			
Repayment by Borrowers			
this year		71	5 0
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		41	16 0
By Advances for Disbursements			
pending their repayment			
out of Mr. Peek's Fund,			
viz.—			
Advanced during the			
year, including ba-			
lance from last Ac-			
count		173	16 5
Deduct			
Repayments		154	1 11
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		19	14 6
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		£135	14 0
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Examined and found correct.—C. J. ANGUS, Auditor.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

For the year ending September 30, 1878.

RECEIPTS.	RECEIPTS.		PAYMENTS.		BALANCE.	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
To Balance as per last Account	.	13 5 10			52	0 0
" Annual Subscriptions	.	106 18 0			1	7 3
" Donations	.	171 1 0			22	1 0
					138	13 0
					8	8 0
					9	3 5
					22	16 1
					7	18 6
					0	4 0
					0	10 6
					0	12 0
					15	0 0
					278	13 9
					12	11 1
					£291	4 10

Examined and found correct—C. J. ANGUS, Auditor.

* For relief obtained through the intervention of the Committee see page 15. No relief is granted out of the general funds; but the Committee, having once decided that a case should be assisted, do their utmost to obtain the necessary relief, if possible from existing charities, and if not from private persons. For list of donors see page 17.

LIST OF DONATIONS AND SUBSCRIPTIONS

From October 1, 1877, to September 30, 1878.

	Dons.			Subs.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Adams, W., 37 Harrington Square .....	..			1	1	0
Angus, C. J., Regent's Park College, N.W. ....	..			0	10	0
Atkinson, W., 47 Gordon Square .....	..			1	1	0
Bass & Co., Messrs.	10	0	0	..		
Baker, G., 189 Tottenham Court Road .....	..			0	10	6
Bateman, T., 16 Endsleigh Street .....	..			2	2	0
Bedford, J. D., 9 Mecklenburgh Square .....	..			1	1	0
Beasley, E. S., University College .....	..			0	10	0
Belcher, Lady, 26 Cumberland Terrace.....	..			1	0	0
Bennett, Mrs. A. W., 6 Park Village East, N.W. ....	..			0	5	0
Bennett, Mrs. E., 16 Park Village East, N.W. ....	..			0	5	0
Betty, H., .....	..			0	5	0
Betty, Mrs.....	..			0	5	0
Bunting, Percy W., 43 Euston Square .....	..			8	3	0
Buss, Miss .....	..			1	1	0
C.A.R.....	70	0	0	5	5	0
Camden Estates (W. F. Meekin).....	5	5	0	..		
Capes, S. C., 16 Doughty Street .....	..			0	5	0
Clerkenwell Police Court, Magistrates of.....	15	0	0	..		
Coales, Dr. R., 119 Gower Street.....	..			0	5	0
Colville, Col. the Hon. W. J.	1	0	0	..		
Coxhead, Rev. J. J., 8 Gordon Street.....	..			0	10	6
Cutler, E.	2	0	0	..		
Davenport, A.	3	3	0	..		
Davies, Dr. H. P., 1 Euston Square .....	..			0	5	0
Davis, Dr. Maurice, 11 Brunswick Square .....	..			1	1	0
Defries, Mrs., 50 Tavistock Square.....	..			0	5	0
Ditchfield, Dr. 12 Taviton Street.....	..			0	10	0
Dorman, Mrs., 57 Oakley Square.....	..			1	1	0
Duncan, Dr. B. Arcedekne, 88 Gower Street .....	..			0	5	0
Dutton, Miss, 8 Upper Woburn Place .....	..			1	1	0
Eastlake, Lady .....	..			1	1	0
Engall, T., 15 Euston Square .....	..			0	5	0

Carried forward 106 8 0 24 19 0

	Dons.			Subs.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward	106	8	0	24	19	0
Enfield, E., 19 Chester Terrace			1	1	0
Evans, John, 18 Tavistock Square			3	8	0
Fox, Mrs., 30 Chester Terrace.....	..			0	10	0
Fisher, Mrs.			0	2	6
Gandar, T. F., 157 Camden Road	2	2	0	2	2	0
Gibson, Miss, 21 Endsleigh Street			0	10	0
Gooden, J. C., 33 Tavistock Square			2	2	0
Green, Mrs. Everett, 100 Gower Street.....	..			1	1	0
Hobhouse, H.	5	0	0	..		
Hicks, G. M., 51 Rutland Gate			5	5	0
Hope, R., 11 Cumberland Terrace			0	10	0
Horton, Mrs., 11 Gordon Street			1	1	0
Huskisson, Miss A. F., 80 Mecklenburgh Square			0	5	0
Hodson, R.			1	1	0
Kish, Mrs., 4 Endsleigh Street.....	..			0	5	0
Lee, A. M.			4	0	0
Lawson, Mrs., 145 Gower Street			0	5	0
Lidgett, Miss, 40 Gordon Square.....	..			1	1	0
Marlay, A. B.	3	0	0	2	2	0
McCaul, John C. C., 16 Taviton Street			1	0	0
Martineau, Rev. J., D.D., 5 Gordon Street			1	1	0
Midland Railway Company, Directors of the			10	10	0
Murdoch, H. H., 7 Staple Inn, Holborn			1	1	0
Nicholson, Miss	1	1	0	..		
Norbury, John	10	10	0	..		
Northcott, J., 161 Tottenham Court Road			0	3	0
Nichols, D. Cubitt, 34 Brunswick Square.....	..			1	0	0
Ogle, Mrs., 10 Gordon Street			0	5	0
Paramore, Dr. R., 18 Hunter Street			0	5	0
Parkins, Mrs., 5 Caroline Place, Mecklenburgh Square			0	5	0
Paterson, Mrs., 28 Mecklenburgh Square.....	..			0	5	0
Phillips, J. S., 54 Euston Square			1	1	0
Pitman, Dr. H. A., 28 Gordon Square			1	1	0
Pollock, E., 4 Chester Place.....	..			1	1	0
Porter, Rev. J. A., 42 Regent Square			0	2	6
Power, Dr. J. A., 52 Burton Crescent			0	5	0
Raymond, Mrs., 48 Euston Square			0	2	6

Carried forward 128 1 0 70 13 6

	Dona.			Suba.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward	128	1	0	70	13	6
Reiss, Mrs., L.	30	0	0	..		
Riding, Dr. W. S., 36 Euston Square.....	..			0	5	0
Robinson, Miss, 7 Gordon Street.....	..			0	10	6
R. J.	10	0	0	..		
Russell, J. W., 19 Endsleigh Street .....	..			2	2	0
Smith, A. L. ....	..			5	0	0
Scadding, W., 21 Gordon Street .....	..			1	1	0
Sharp, Mrs. James, 14 Taviton Street .....	..			1	0	0
Shoolbred & Co., Tottenham Court Road.....	..			2	2	0
Smith, W., 37 Tavistock Square .....	..			1	1	0
Stahlschmidt, E. E., 43 Tavistock Square .....	..			1	1	0
Stephens, J., 5 Chester Terrace	1	0	0	2	2	0
Sichel, W. S.	2	0	0	..		
Tarring, C. J., 1 Pump Court, Temple .....	..			0	10	6
Tawney, Mrs., 3 Taviton Street .....	..			1	0	0
Teitkins, J. H., 18 Oakley Square .....	..			0	2	6
Turner, Lady, 17 Chester Terrace .....	..			0	5	0
Turnbull, R. T.	5	0	0	..		
University College Hospital, per R. H. Nixon .....	..			5	5	0
Walles & Robinson, Messrs. ....	..			1	1	0
Weiss, Mrs., 33 Chester Terrace .....	..			0	10	0
Williams, Rev. C. W., D.D., North London Collegiate School ..	..			1	1	0
Worsley, P., 26 Chester Terrace ....	..			3	3	0
Wood, Miss .....	..			2	2	0
Total	£176	1	0	£101	18	0
£277 19s. 0d.						

OBJECTS.

THE Objects of the Society for Organising Charitable Relief and Repressing Mendicity may be stated in the following terms :—

I.—To bring into harmonious co-operation with each other and with the Poor Law authorities the various charitable agencies and individuals in the District, and thus effectually to check the evils of 'overlapping' relief caused by simultaneous but independent action.

II.—To investigate thoroughly the cases of all applicants for charitable relief, whether they are referred to the offices for inquiry and report, or whether they apply of their own accord.

III.—To place gratuitously at the disposal of all charitable agencies and private persons the investigating machinery of the Committees of the Society, and to send to persons having a legitimate interest in cases full reports of the result of the investigations made.

IV.—To obtain from the proper charities, or from charitable individuals, suitable and adequate relief for deserving cases.

V.—To assist from its own funds, and as far as possible in the form of loans, all suitable cases, for which adequate assistance cannot be obtained from other sources.

VI.—To repress mendicity by the above means, by the gratuitous distribution of Investigation Tickets, and by the prosecution of impostors.

VII.—To afford to the public at large information regarding the object and mode of working of existing charities.

VIII.—To promote, as far as possible, the general welfare of the poor by means of social and sanitary reforms, and by the inculcation of habits of providence and self-dependence.

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The MARQUIS of SALISBURY.
The EARL of DERBY.
The EARL NELSON.
The EARL of SHAFTESBURY, K.G.
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I. To bring into harmonious co-operation with each other and with the Poor Law authorities the various charitable agencies and individuals in the district, and thus effectually to check the evils of 'overlapping' relief caused by simultaneous and independent action.

II. To investigate thoroughly all cases of applicants for charitable relief, whether they are referred to the offices for inquiry and report, or whether they apply of their own accord.

III. To place gratuitously at the disposal of all charitable agencies and private persons the investigating machinery of the Committee of the Society, and to send, to persons having a legitimate interest in cases, full reports of the results of the investigations made.

IV. To obtain from the proper charities, or from charitable individuals, suitable and adequate relief for deserving cases.

V. To assist from its own funds, and as far as possible in the form of loans, all suitable cases for which adequate assistance cannot be obtained from other sources.

VI. To repress mendicity by the above means, by the gratuitous distribution of investigation tickets, and by the prosecution of impostors.

VII. To afford to the public at large information regarding the objects and mode of working of existing charities.

VIII. To promote as far as possible, the general welfare of the poor by means of social and sanitary reforms, and by the inculcation of habits of providence and self-dependence.

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REPORT.

SUFFICIENT is spent in charity in this country in the course of a single year to build a city, or construct a formidable fleet, and yet poverty still clamours for more help.

The amount spent in maintaining those who do not support themselves should suffice to meet all claims, but from the defects in distribution apparently inseparable from charity administration it fails to do so.

There has been, on the one hand, too much giving in an indiscriminate and isolated way ; many evils may be traced to this, of which may be mentioned —

(a) Mendicity and Vagrancy—The "Original" affirmed of these "in the vast majority of cases the two trades of begging and thieving go hand in hand ;" and again that to our 36,000 vagrants and their children belong a large proportion of imbeciles.

(b) Begging letter writing, and the varied forms of imposture and deceit which by feigned misfortune, illness, deformity, even by assumed death, have drawn thousands of pounds from the credulous almsgiver.

(c) A large amount of drunkenness.

(d) Abuses of Hospital letters, such as the introduction of immoral characters into convalescent homes, and the traffic in letters obtained by begging. [For example, letters for Queen Charlotte's Lying-in Hospital have been sold for a shilling each.]

(e) Abuses created by soup kitchens.

(f) Overlapping, with its tendencies to pamper pet objects, and to squander on merely temporary alleviation sums sufficient, if well applied, to relieve permanently.

Sad experience proves that indiscriminate giving too often extinguishes thrift and self-reliance, that ingratitude, helplessness, drunkenness, want of truthfulness, and of natural affection are distinctive characteristics of the habitual charity seeker, and that the easy success of professional begging has drawn into the vortex of deceit and its attendant career of crime many whose original fault was merely indolence.

On the other hand, however, there is room for giving more in certain quarters, for unquestionably much distress deserving help is not adequately assisted.

Some of the causes of deficient help are—

(a) The growing separation between rich and poor residential districts and the defective charitable intercourse between them, resulting in relief being obtained perhaps too easily in one district, but not at all or with great difficulty in another.

(b) The prostitution of charity creates a disinclination on the part of the wealthy to accede to appeals for help, and tends to deter the more respectable poor from seeking what is shared by unworthy partakers.

(c) The poor are often unaware in what quarter to apply for the kind of aid suited to their needs, or have no one to put them in the way of making application, and to state their cases properly.

Difficult as it is for the beneficent to direct his charity so as to do good unmixed with evil, it is not impossible, and there are not wanting words of wisdom to guide into the right way.

Thus Bishop BUTLER said in 1740—

“What we have to bestow in charity being a trust, we cannot discharge “it faithfully without taking some care to satisfy ourselves, in some degree, that we bestow it upon the proper objects of charity.”

“There is nothing,” said the original, “more destructive to the interests “of mankind, than the principle of providing for those whom Providence “intended to provide for themselves. By destroying moral energy it “destroys the soul, and under the mask of kindness it is the height of “cruelty.”

“To raise, not relieve, is the true aim of charity. Charity should be a “capital of self help,” says another thinker.

These sayings embody 3 principles—

- 1 Investigate before relief.
- 2 Give with discrimination.
- 3 If you give, let the relief be such as to prevent further recourse to applications for help.

The Charity Organisation Society is endeavouring to work on these principles. Whilst making a stand against mendicity, imposture, overlapping of relief, and undue dependence on others, with their demoralising influences, it strives to encourage thrift and self-reliance, to enlist sympathies in beneficent work, to remove the disinclination towards charitable work excited by abuses, to promote charitable co-operation between different districts, to equalize the flow of charity, and to obtain for the poor, or direct to, adequate relief.

Towards attaining these ends two great agents are employed: Investigation and Co-operation. By the first to ascertain whether relief will be productive of good or evil; by the second to direct to or obtain sufficient help.

Through its numerous district branches in the Metropolis and kindred associations in the provinces the Society has extended facilities for investigation, and confidently claims to have done much good through this side of its operations. It must not be supposed that investigation is necessarily obnoxious to applicants. It is conducted with every regard for the applicant, and with special considerations for those who have once occupied a comparatively high position in the social scale. The worthy poor are by no means averse to inquiries, the result of which can only be to stamp their cases as deserving; and the number of such applicants coming of their own accord seems steadily on the increase. The applicant of doubtful antecedents, if deserving of any help, must be dealt with as a patient whose disease must be diagnosed before a remedy can be found.

As regards co-operation, although relief has been obtained in many instances, and some richer District Branches help the poorer with funds, Hospital letters, &c., the Council is of opinion more extended support is wanted to increase the ability of the Society to perform this part of its work. Recently one of the Sub-Committees of the Council has endeavoured to help in special cases, but the work of the Central Confederation is more specially directed towards the large matters of principle affecting administration of charities, relief being left to District Branches. During the past year the attention of the Council has been turned to the improvement of the condition of imbeciles. The increase of vagrancy and the numerous applications for bread made in some districts have attracted notice. In the reform of out-door treatment in Hospitals and the establishment of Provident Dispensaries much useful work has been carried out. As much expense was thrown on this Committee by the inquiries conducted for the Children's Hospital, (Islington being largely interested in its out-door treatment), the following answer by the Secretary of the Hospital to an inquiry made by a member of the Committee may be interesting: "I am glad to be able to bear testimony to the admirable manner in which the District Committees carried out the plan; it was the means of eliminating a large number of persons whose means were equal to pay a doctor. Our out-patient attendance we think is now fairly limited to the class of persons for whom the charity is intended."

In 1877 the District Committees relieved by grant, loan or employment	...	...	...	...	5346 cases
By reference to (i.e. relief obtained from) private persons 1875					
Besides these, more indirect relief was represented by					
Referred to Institutions, &c.	...	...	...	...	3637
Reports sent out	...	...	...	...	9635
Vagrants dealt with	...	...	...	...	15853
Many being supplied with bread.					

The number of cases dealt with by the Islington Committee, as classified, will be found at page 16. Illustrative cases are given at page 13.

The classification requires some explanation. It represents, excluding 378 cases in which inquiries were made for other districts, 167 cases where it was considered advisable to withhold relief; 564 cases referred by charitable persons for investigation (giving much trouble and expense in furnishing reports and advising as to the best means of help), in many of which relief was given in consequence of the report, but not through the Committee, (for illustrative case see No. 3.); 276 cases where assistance was directly given or obtained; 108 vagrants supplied with bread. In some of these cases help was given from combined sources, as by grant combined with a loan or aid by private persons, (see cases 1, 4, 6.) but no case has been counted under more than one head. The 29 letters for Hospitals do not represent the full number given, 14 letters of similar kind being classified under "Recommended to Institutions." Cases where payment at hospitals and homes were made out of the Convalescent Fund are classified as referred to private persons.

The work has been of as varied a nature as ever. It was stated last year: "No kind of work it is possible to undertake "is refused, no deserving application for help is rejected (except "where permanent inability to contribute to self support renders "the case impracticable to deal with), and no recommendation "is required except that of being an appropriate subject for relief. The Committee applies itself chiefly to award money in "grants or loans, to grant or lend tools and materials of work, "to purchase such articles, to procure admission by letter, payment or otherwise to Hospitals, Convalescent Homes, Schools "or other institutions, to fit out patients or children for these "establishments, to study the nature and work of charitable "bodies and impart information as to prospects of assistance "from them, to communicate with friends or relations of the "distressed, to dispense relief given by institutions or private "individuals, to obtain employment, and to fit out the needy for "situations." There are also many miscellaneous duties, as the Society co-operates in every way with charitable workers. The increase in vagrants is marked, but has affected other districts more than this. In some cases it is necessary to refuse bread, as vagrants come straight from the casual ward and demand it. The loan fund has worked satisfactorily, and with one or two exceptions repayments have been fairly kept up. In some instances combination of a loan with a grant has been found advantageous, as an antidote to the baneful influence of the gift of

a large sum. The good effect of a loan given without interest to be repaid by small instalments is unquestionable; whilst relieving it promotes thrift and self-reliance, but it is necessary the recipient should feel the loan to be an advance he must repay, not only another form of gift, as it is ordinarily regarded when made by a private person. Individuals wishing to grant loans are therefore urged to make them through the agency of the Committee. (For an instance of the good results attending such an operation see case No. 11.) The advantage of lending instead of giving machines has become apparent, (an illustration is given in case 14).

As the work, its difficulties and expenses were somewhat fully dealt with in last year's report, it is perhaps unnecessary to refer again at length to these matters, but a few remarks may be profitable.

AS REGARDS OFFICE EXPENSES.—The Society is instrumental in preventing waste and applying charity to the deserving cases; the action, even in relief, involving as it often does combination from several sources entails heavy office expenses, notwithstanding a large amount of voluntary work; and as, up to a certain point, office expenditure is unavoidable, the amount shown in the accounts under grants is necessarily, with the less wealthy Committees, but a very small proportion of the total expenditure. But the amount of relief given is not represented by the grants.

Thus in 1877-8 this Committee granted	...	£	23	17	9
To this must be added contributions to special cases	119	6	0		
School Board Grants	...	75	6	7	
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Besides incidental expenses, the Convalescent Fund, and the relief more indirectly obtained as

Letters for Hospitals, &c., value at least £60 to £80 0 0

Also relief given in consequence of the reports sent out, but not passing through the hands of the Committee, (cases Nos. 2 & 3 are illustrations of this).

It should be mentioned that last year the services of the Assistant Secretary were dispensed with, and in the summer of this year an attempt was made to carry on the work with only one paid officer; although pressure of business proved this latter reduction to be impracticable, the heavy work of Secretary is still carried on by volunteers.

AS REGARDS CASES NOT ASSISTED—

(a) Cases of chronic destitution, which can only be dealt with properly by pensions, the Committee cannot from want of funds,

attempt to deal with; moreover it is impossible to do with private funds the work of the Poor Law, and to attempt to do part of such work is generally unprofitable use of charity.

(b) Where distress proceeds from drunkenness it is often necessary to refuse aid, extended experience showing that assistance only serves to promote this terrible evil. In several cases sent by the School Board the destitute condition of the children was due solely to the intemperance of the parents (see cases No. 19, 20.)

(c) Where to give is only to encourage in mendicity, or where the applicant can support himself it is wisest to refuse what is only an incentive to idleness. (See cases 21, 22, 23.)

The fallacious idea seems to exist that this Society is under some legal or moral obligation to give largely to every case sent to it, without any reciprocal obligation on the part of the sender to support the Society, and some (chiefly non-supporters) seem personally aggrieved if the cases they send are considered undeserving, or are not relieved in proportion to their expectations. It must be understood that, although *inquiry* is made in every case free of charge, *relief* is not the necessary consequence of investigation, and, whilst the Committee wish, if funds admit, to help or assist in helping every deserving case, it cannot undertake to remove entirely from recommenders the *onus* of relief.

During the past year the Committee has had to regret the withdrawal of their Honorary Secretaries, Lady Wilson and Mrs. Loch. The death of Mr. Lewis Courtauld, who filled the office of Secretary for some time in succession to Lady Wilson, has excited deep regret.

It is satisfactory to record that Sir Francis Lyoett and the Rev. G. Calthrop have kindly consented to become Vice-Presidents of this District Society.

To the ladies by whom much of the visiting has been so beneficially carried on, and to the subscribers who so kindly responded to the appeal for contribution to the Convalescent Fund, the best thanks of the Committee are due.

It is proposed to hold a general meeting during the early part of 1879, and it is hoped members will attend to hear the discussion respecting the Society.

On a general review it cannot be said the position of this branch of the Society is satisfactory, although as representing valuable principles and carrying on much good work it confidently appeals for the support calculated to place it on a firm foundation. Comprising as Islington does so many rich and so many poor parishes or congregations, it seems peculiarly adapted for efforts

at substituting co-operation in charitable work for the comparatively isolated systems now in force. If the Guardians of the Poor, the Ministers of Religion, the Local and District Charities or Visiting Societies would work with and through the Committee much progress might be made towards the uniform and adequate distribution of relief. But this has not yet been extensively effected, although great advantage has accrued from the co-operation of some of the clergy and charities, and the general tenor of the response to an appeal made to the clergy for support was not encouraging. It should be distinctly understood this branch of the Society is a local charity, and should be locally self-supporting. The idea seems to prevail of this Committee having inexhaustible extraneous resources. It is true much relief is indirectly brought into the district by the action of the Society, and that some part of the assistance directly given proceeded from non-local sources. It is also true the local funds have been hitherto supplemented by grants from the Council. But extraneous support cannot be relied on, there being other poorer districts from which the Council is unwilling to divert much needed funds. Indeed, during the past year the propriety of withdrawing the grants hitherto made to this Committee was under consideration. Should this support be withdrawn, the Committee must discontinue operations, and this, it is submitted, would be a grave misfortune for the neighbourhood. Although it may fairly be supposed that no one will advance as an argument for non-support, the assertion that but little good is done, should any one hold this view, let him join in the work for a few months, and he will then realise how much harm is prevented, and active good effected. But much more should be done, and would be, with an improved footing. Struggling not only against the evils of centuries of unorganised charity and improvidence, but also against a large share of genuine distress, and with but half-hearted local sympathy, it is little to be wondered at, that the Committee has been unable to make the progress they desire towards the ends aimed at—uniform and adequate distribution of relief, so as to cut off the income of beggary and imposture, and to secure the means of raising the deserving needy. It cannot but be hoped that the ministers of religion, and many others amongst the prosperous and educated population of this district will combine to uphold a Society representing principles of charitable work advocated by all the greatest thinkers, both clerical and lay, of the present time.

The Committee is in need of (in addition to funds for general purposes) :

I. A representative from the Guardians of the poor, and each local charity or congregation to work with the Committee.

II. Recruits for general or visiting work.

III. (a) Donations towards the relief of good cases generally, purchase of tools, sewing machines, mangles, &c. [No part of this would be applied to working expenses.]

(b) Contributions towards the loan fund. [The Committee, as already stated, would be glad if individuals wishing to make loans would do so through their agency.]

(c) Permission of individuals to refer to them for contributions towards grants or loans in special cases.

IV. Letters (or permission to refer for letters) for Hospitals, Convalescent Homes, Surgical Aid Societies, the Widows' Gift Society, and other charitable institutions.

V. References on the part of employers, especially for charwomen, needlewomen, laundresses.



CASES ILLUSTRATIVE OF THE WORK.

ASSISTED CASES.

(1) BY GRANT, HOSPITAL LETTER, PRIVATE PERSONS AND EMPLOYMENT.

(4243).—An accountant,—case sent by a private person, at first applied for admission to an Hospital, suffering from gout. Out of employment owing to illness, and in want of food. Assisted with money and a letter for an Hospital. Employment obtained by advertisement, but was soon forced to go into Hospital, thus losing it. On recovery, again assisted with temporary employment, money given by a private person, a recommendation to the House of Charity and otherwise. Permanent employment eventually obtained.

(2) AID GRANTED IN CONSEQUENCE OF COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

(4589).—A governess,—case sent for inquiry by a lady to whom she had applied for help. Wanted £13 to pay off bill on furniture. Kept a small school and taught music at 6d. and 3d. each lesson. It was found help might place her in an improved position, and the Committee's favourable reports elicited £7 from persons not resident in the district. Applied on Committee's advice to Governors's Institute, and was granted £2 10s.

(3) AID GRANTED IN CONSEQUENCE OF COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

(3911).—Daughters of a naval officer, had kept a school in the neighbourhood for many years, but latterly had been unsuccessful, and were threatened with ruin by competition. Case sent by Admiralty to whom they had applied for assistance to move school. On favourable report £50 was given.

(4) BY PRIVATE PERSONS AND LOAN.

A charwoman,—case sent by a District Visitor—a widow, 2 children dependent, applied for a mangle, but seemed quite despondent and without idea how to help herself, was very destitute, husband had belonged to a club, but sum received went to pay debts incurred in long illness. A widow's gift letter obtained, with which, aid from private persons and a loan of 30s., a mangle was purchased, and suitable rooms were taken for her. Is doing well, and supporting self and children comfortably.

(5) BY GRANT.

(4012).—A widow, own application; having lost her left leg, wanted a cork one. No occupation, but children earning small sums; supplied with a leg, purchased from Surgical Appliance Society.

(6) BY GRANT AND PRIVATE PERSONS.

(4413). A widow, own application, 3 children, 1 consumptive, husband had been a clerk in a railway office, died after long illness. Some difficulty experienced in obtaining employment, but an opening for washing having occurred, £2 or £3 was given, partly by private persons, and materials were procured.

(7) BY LOAN OF MACHINE.

(4299).—A machinist,—a widow with 5 children dependent, though 2 earning 12s. a week. Applied for a sewing machine. Very respectable, but destitute, believed to be often short of food. Had failed in letting lodgings. A machine lent.

(8) BY GRANT.

(3969).—Wife of a labourer living in America, sent to England for health, did not find the friends she expected in London, and not doing so had exhausted

her funds so as to be unable to pay her fare to Liverpool, from whence passage to America was paid. The fare was paid for her.

(9) BY GRANT.

(4004).—A pianoforte key maker,—sent by a clergyman. Wife and 2 children; had been an out-patient at Brompton, recommended to go to a Convalescent Home. Expenses paid at a Brighton Home.

(10) BY GRANT.

(3852).—Sent by a Scripture Reader,—A cab-driver earning 18s. to 20s. a week, 7 children dependent, 1 suffering from sore eyes and recommended to go to an Eastbourne Convalescent Home. He applied for a letter to it, and admission was obtained by payment of over £2.

(11) LOAN BY A PRIVATE PERSON.

(4353).—Spectacle maker,—case sent by a private person. Bed-ridden mother dependent, asked loan of £5 to stock a small shop and purchase materials for executing orders. Very deserving, though not destitute. A member of the Committee advanced the sum asked for, and subsequently further sums. Is doing very well.

(12) GRANT AND PRIVATE PERSONS.

(4463).—A watchmaker, 73 years old,—sent by a private person, earnings but very small, in want of food, sight bad, had lost money by inventions, 3 sons, to whom application for help was made, but they proved to be unable to give it, a candidate for a pension from Watchmakers' Benevolent Institution, for which he would have been ineligible had he received Parish Relief. A weekly allowance given by grant and private persons until he obtained the Pension.

CASES ASSISTED, BUT AFTERWARDS FOUND UNDESERVING

(13)

(4051).—A watch-maker, 65 years old, formerly kept a stall at the Soho Bazaar, now only earning 4s. a week, but helped by son, asked assistance to take tools out of pawn and print cards, also to get a small stock of clocks. References spoke highly with one exception. Some former customers, on application of Committee, sent help, and he was enabled to take and stock a small shop. After being a week in the shop, he left without paying rent, and owing money to a small printer. Some of the money sent for him not having been spent, was returned to the donor, and on his subsequently applying to a lady for relief, a report of his being unworthy was made.

(14)

(3180).—A dressmaker,—widow with 3 children,—own application—wanted a machine—being an experienced worker was offered immediate work by an employer known to Committee, but declined having work at home; well spoken of by a clergyman for whom she worked. A machine lent, to be paid for by instalments; subsequent information raised doubt as to respectability, but in deference to strong opinion of clergyman, the machine was not taken away. She decamped with it, and had not paid anything six months after, when she being traced, it was taken away. [This shows the advantage of lending instead of giving machines.]

SCHOOL BOARD CASES ASSISTED.

(15) (*These Cases were sent by the School Board.*)

(3536).—Dressmaker,—a widow and 2 children, earning 6s. a week, reported to go in want rather than be in debt. Health not strong and much in need of help. Clothes supplied for children, old clothing given to self, assisted to get son into a school, a brother in Germany applied to for help, and a sewing machine lent, to be bought at 1s. a week.

(16)

(1441).—Printer's pressman—wife a washerwoman, he had had typhoid fever for 12 weeks, very respectable and hard working, he had been previously assisted with a loan which was punctually paid back. His expenses at a Convalescent Home at Folkestone paid, clothes provided for children, and 5s. a week given during husband's absence.

CASES NOT ASSISTED.

(17)

Undeserving (3965).—A physician,—sent by a police magistrate; had recently been tried for forgery, but not convicted, asked help till able to resume his duties; stated himself to be a German, which was doubtful, it being believed he had got possession of some German gentleman's diploma and assumed his name; ascertained to be a begging letter writer and a drunkard. Wife an immoral character and a drunkard. Had been assisted by numerous societies and private persons.

(18) CASES SENT BY SCHOOL BOARD.

Undeserving (4119).—A labourer,—with wife and 2 children, both man and wife given to drink, son badly behaved, the girl earning 1½d. a day at a color factory. Only the girl considered eligible for help; clothes granted to her on her obtaining a situation, but she ran away, and refused to go to a Home, so as to get another place. The clothes were recovered.

(19)

Undeserving (3804) A chaff-cutter,—wife a charwoman, 5 children, 1 or 2 able to earn something, husband's wages stated to be very small, but ascertained to be much higher, believed to be over 20s. a week, being stated by an employer to be one of the best hands known; wife earning from 3s. 6d. to 6s. a week. Had been repeatedly relieved by a clergyman; husband given to drink, and a very bad character of him from a previous residence; wife stated to be untruthful.

(20)

Undeserving (4254).—Widow of a solicitor, 2 children dependent, 2 employed, husband had supported her during his lifetime, though leading an immoral life,—reference spoke well of her, but she was discovered to be a thorough drunkard, stated to pledge everything she could lay her hands on, in order to get drink; landlady had procured clothes for children, but mother had pawned them and drunk the money. Son convicted for forgery.

(21) NOT REQUIRING RELIEF.

(4137).—An auctioneer's clerk,—wife was found to keep a registry office, stated his father to have been a clergyman of good family,—case sent by several private persons to whom he had applied for assistance, to meet expenses of an action brought against him by a former lodger for selling his furniture; objected to thorough inquiry, admitted having received money from the Queen, was suspected to be in habit of making application to wealthy persons for assistance. Statements conflicting.

(22)

(3998).—A waiter, sent by a private person, who wanted wife to be helped to buy a machine, alleged to be in want, but rooms were found to be well furnished. Husband had been in work for some months previously at 25s. a week and board, besides wife's earnings.

(23) CASE SENT BY SCHOOL BOARD.

(4104). A carpenter, wife a charwoman, 4 children dependent, in want of boots. Wife's statement as to husband's employment false, he having been earning 20s. a week for the last 3 months, and she could earn 10s. a week. A mangle had been given by subscription of private persons, but the wife was too lazy to work it. Clergyman reported "Always asking for help, steady work the only cure."

CLASSIFIED LIST OF CASES DEALT WITH BY THE COMMITTEE DURING THE YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1878.

CLASS I.—DISMISSED AS—

1. Not requiring relief	-	-	-	-	-	110
2. Cases for Poor-Law, or otherwise ineligible	-	-	-	-	-	123
3. Undeserving	-	-	-	-	-	57
Total	-	-	-	-	-	290

CLASS II.—RECOMMENDED TO—

1. The Guardians	-	-	-	-	-	15
2. Institutions or Local Agencies	-	-	-	-	-	79
3. Private Persons	-	-	-	-	-	149
Total	-	-	-	-	-	243

CLASS III.—ASSISTED BY—

1. Grants	-	-	-	-	-	65
2. Loans	-	-	-	-	-	15
3. Employment	-	-	-	-	-	4
4. Letters for Hospitals	-	-	-	-	-	29
Total	-	-	-	-	-	113

Grand Total - **646**

Reports sent out	-	-	-	-	-	564
Inquiries for other Committees	-	-	-	-	-	372
Vagrants dealt with	-	-	-	-	-	108
Referred to other Committees	-	-	-	-	-	6

Notes explanatory of the method pursued in arranging these statistics will be found at page 8. It must be remembered that "Recommended to" means Relief obtained from Private Persons.

RETURNS FURNISHED BY THE POLICE.

Return of the number of Beggars, apprehended in the Parish of Islington, by Police of N Division, from October 1st, 1877, to September 30th, 1878, shewing result, &c.:—Total number apprehended, 16; Convicted, 6; Discharged, 10. Sentences:—7 days, 1; 14 days, 2; 21 days, 2; Industrial School, 1.

19th November, 1878.

W. F. GREEN, *Superintendent.*

Return of the number of cases of Vagrancy dealt with by the Police of Y Division, that occurred in the Parish of Islington, from 1st October, 1877, to 30th September, 1878:—Total number apprehended, 23—Convicted, 11; Discharged, 12. Sentences: 7 days, 3; 14 days, 5; 21 days, 1; 28 days, 2.

22nd November, 1878.

W. BROWNING, *Acting Superintendent.*

RETURN OF THE OCCUPATIONS OF APPLICANTS FOR THE YEAR 1877-8.

Classified according to their respective callings.

Ocupations.	No.	Ocupations.	No.	Ocupations.	No.	Ocupations.	No.
Accountant	1	Clerks	23	Governesses	13	Milkman	1
Artificial Flower Makers	2	Clergymen	1	Hatters	2	Music Printer	1
Authors	1	Clockmaker	1	Hawkers	8	Music Teacher	1
Baker	1	Coachbuilder	1	Ironers	9	Needlewomen	20
Barnmen	2	Coschmen	2	Instrument Maker	1	News vendors	2
Blacksmiths	6	Cork Trimmers	2	Japanner	1	Night Watchmen	2
Blindmaker	1	Coal Agent	1	Jeweller	1	No occupation	36
Billiard Markers	2	Costermongers	10	Labourers	65	Shoemakers	9
Bookbinders	2	Cricketer	2	Laundresses	23	Shopmen	3
Bootcloser	1	Dressmakers	10	Law-writers	4	Soldier Pensioners	4
Bookwellers	2	Draper's Assistant	1	Lithographer	1	School Teachers	2
Brasemishers	4	Dispenser	1	Lodging House Keepers	2	Shoeblacks	18
Brewers	2	Doctor	1	Locksmiths	2	Shop-keeper	1
Bricklayers	5	Dyer	1	Machinists	24	Tailors	8
Brickmaker	1	Engineers	3	Mangle-women	16	Telegraphist	1
Butchers	6	Fireman	1	Masons	8	Tinmen	3
Cabdrivers	10	Fitters	4	Marine Store Dealer	1	Tie-makers	4
Carriage Washer	1	Farriers	4	Master Mariner	1	Travellers	4
Cabinet Makers	4	Furrier	1	Mantle-makers	2	Tutors	3
Carmen	18	Gardener	1	Marble-polisher	1	Wardrobe Dealers	9
Carpenters	10	Gasfitters	4	Messenger	1	Waiters	6
Chaff Cutter	1	General Servants	2	Miller	1	Watchmakers	6
Charwomen	38	Gilders	6	Militiaman	1	Washerwomen	15
Cheesemongers	3	Grinders	2	Milliners	6	Wood-cutters	4
Cigar Maker	1					Wheelwrights	2

BALANCE SHEET.

ISLINGTON COMMITTEE OF THE CHARITY ORGANISATION SOCIETY,
From October 1st, 1877, to September 30th, 1878.

RECEIPTS.	GENERAL FUND.		EXPENDITURE.	6s.
	£	s. d.		£ s. d.
To Balance at Bank and in hand, September 30th, 1877	..	14 0 5	By Rent for quarters, Rates and Taxes	.. .. 47 3 6
" Annual Subscriptions	..	133 9 0	" Fuel and Light	.. .. 6 11 7
" Donations	..	28 5 0	" Salaries	.. .. 161 12 0
" Contributions for Special Cases	..	131 5 6	" Collector's Poudage	.. .. 6 9 7
" " School Board Cases	..	91 5 11	" Stationery and Office Books	.. .. 18 7 4½
" Grants made by the Council	..	105 0 0	" Printing	.. .. 17 14 0
" Temporary Advances	..	28 0 0	" Postage	.. .. 9 0 10
" Clertewell Police Court	..	15 0 0	" Incidental Expenses	.. .. 17 5 5
" Donations—Convalescent Fund	..	16 2 0	" Temporary Advances	.. .. 36 8 0
			" Convalescent Fund	.. .. 119 6 0½
			" Aid : Contributions to Special Cases	.. .. 75 6 7½
			" " to School Board Cases	.. .. 23 17 9
			" Grants (in 65 cases)	.. .. 21 1 1½
			" Balance at Bank and in hand, September 30th, 1878	.. ..
				£564 7 10
				£564 7 10
PERMANENT LOAN FUND.				
LOANS REPAID.				
To Balances at Bank and in hand, September 30th, 1877	..	11 7 6	LOANS GRANTED.	
" Repayment of Loans since	..	46 10 9	By Loans granted since September 30th, 1877	.. .. 39 0 6
" M. Pratt, Esq.	10 0 0	" H. Pratt, Esq.	.. .. 5 5 0
			" Balances at Bank and in hand, September 30th, 1878	.. .. 83 12 9
				£67 18 3
				£67 18 3

Dec 9th, 1878.

Audited by J. M. HENDERSON Public Accountant.

M. JONES, Hon. Sec.

Date of Foundation.	Name.	Expenditure	Endowment.	Object.	Rules as to admission, &c.	Officers.	Remarks.
1864	Islington and North London Provident Dispensary, 68 Liverpool-rd., 43 Durham Rd., Holloway, 1 Richmond Rd., Barnsbury, 66 Isledon Road, Holloway.	£394		For working men and families not receiving relief from the parish. Servants and others unable to pay for medical assistance, in the usual way.	From 4d. a month or 4s. a year for single man or woman, to 1s. a month or 11s. a year to families. Reduction where the man is entitled to medical attendance from a club. For confinement of married women, 10s. 6d. Hours, 11 to 12, morn. " 7 to 8, even.	President; Rsv. PREBENDARY WILSON Sec. : F. W. BLACKITH Surgeons: GEORGE BROWN, M.R.C.S., & S. M. CAFFYN, M.R.C.S., & medical staff of 12 physicians or surgeons and 2 dentists.	In 1876, 1141 members joined.
1841	Holloway and North Islington Dispensary, Palmer Place. Branches : Rupert Road, Upper Holloway, Park Pla., High-bury Vale, 146 Ball's Pond Road.	1158 Convalescent fund £82	£30 16s 11d	Medical and surgical relief and medicines. To visit at the homes of those unable to attend.	By letter of recommendation from subscriber of 10s. 6d. a year, except in special cases. 6d. to be paid on registration of first letter. 1d. for each prescription.	President: SIR JAMES TYLER, KT. Treas. : THOMAS WALL Hon. Sec. : W. EDWARDS Resident Medical Officer : GEORGE WHITTINGHAM	Attendances, 43,910 Visits, 7,658.
1841	Islington Industrial Home for Boys, 119, Copenhagen Street, Caledonian Rd.	£1462		Educates and trains industrially 74 boys from 5 to 16 not convicted of crime, but destitute, unmanageable, or in danger of falling into crime.	5s. to 6s. a week. Some destitute cases free.	PRESIDENT: Rsv. D. WILSON, M.A. Treas. : B. C. LOCKWOOD Hon. Sec. : W. T. PARON	

Date of Foundation.	Name.	Expenditure	Endowment.	Objects.	Rules as to admission, &c.	Officers.	Remarks.
1829 ♦	Metropolitan Benefit Societies Asylum, Ball's Pond Rd.			A Home for aged and infirm members of all benefit societies. Free residence coals, gas, and medical attendance, and 2s. 6d. weekly, married couples, 3s. 6d. To provide trained nurses for the sick poor.	7 years' membership of a Friendly or Benefit Society, and 4 years' subscription, or £2 donation to the Asylum. Elected by subscribers of over 5s.	President: RIGHT HON. LORD ESURY Treas.: J. F. SLATER Secretary: H. PATENT	
	Metropolitan and National Nursing Association, Holloway District Branch, 413, Holloway Road.					Treas.: ISAAC BUTLER Hon. Secretary: W. HENRY KESTVEN	
	Mildmay Park Nursing Institution, Conference Hall, Mildmay Park.			Has about 50 nurses engaged in public institutions from districts and private families.		Treas.: R. C. L. BEVAN Hon. Secretary: HON. R. MORETON	

DISTRICT VISITING SOCIETIES AND CHARITIES OF SIMILAR KIND.

Where the relief is not known to be in kind, it is generally returned as in money.

Date of Foundation,	Name.	Expenditure.		Officers.	Remarks.
		Money,	Kind or other ways.		
1858	ST. ANDREWS. District Visiting and Offer- tory Collections. Monthly Pensioners. Soup Kitchen. Clothing Club. Maternity Society. Christmas Gifts.	£ s. d. 26 16 0 13 0 0 12 5 0	£ s. d. 45 9 0 50 0 0 18 3 0 11 16 0	REV. A. J. BRIDGMAN, Vicar.	Visitable families about 1300.
1861	ST. ANNE'S. Clubs for Clothing and Coal. Good Samaritan Society. Alms Fund. Maternity Charity. Ladies' Working Meeting.	[Kind partly in £78 25 6 0	210 0 0 32 12 0	REV. W. H. CHAMBERS, Vicar.	Amongst 600 persons, at 1d. a quart, depositors contributed £61 16s. in ad- dition. To 400 persons.
1877	ST. MARY'S. District Visiting Society. ST. MICHAEL'S Sacramental Alms. District Visiting Society. Maternal Society. Christmas Dinners. Special Cases Coal Tickets.	60 0 0 8 4 0 54 10 0 2 1 0 5 4 0	2 1 0 2 2 0	REV. DANIEL WILSON, M.A. Vicar. REV. SPARKS B. SEALY, M.A. Vicar.	Supposed to include depositors' In soup and coal. [amounts. Spent on Christmas day dinners to children, dinners for the sick, pen- sions to aged communicants, help in special cases and general charity. There is a provident fund and soup kitchen, 500 families visited. For the sick. Includes soup account.

Date of Foundation.	Name.	Expenditure.		Officers.	Remarks.
		Money.	Kind or other way.		
	St. Paul's. Clothing, Coal, and Shoe Clubs. Lying-in Charity. Mothers' Meeting. Dorcas Society.	£ s. d. 115 15 0	£ s. d. 115 15 0	Rev. F. CHAVASSE, Vicar.	Including (it is believed) deposits— 160 depositors
	St. Stephen's. District Visiting Society. Coal Club. Dorcas Society. Needlework Society. Maternal Society.	7 4 0 5 9 0 2 15 0 19 5 0 4 8 0	Part in Kind. 14 18 0 53 8 0 13 2 0 21 3 0 9 8 0	Rev. F. M. HARRIS, M.A. Vicar.	Dispensary letters can be had of the [Vicar. Includes soup, coal, food, clothing, and work tickets. (Mrs. HARRIS is Treasurer of the District Visiting Society, Mrs. CARNS of the Coal Club.)
	ISLINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. Benevolent Society. Maternal Society. Communion Collections for the Poor. Christmas Collections for the Poor.	36 11 0 13 0 0 67 8 0 16 5 0		Rev. J. THAIN DAVIDSON, [D.D.	

MISSIONS.

Name.	Expenditure. £ s. d.	Objects.	Officers.	Remarks.
Bafford's Building Schools and Mission.	210 14 0	Mothers' Meetings, Sewing Class, Night Schools, Penny Club, Clothing and Shoe Club, Band of Hope.	Hon. Secretaries: Rev. J. G. HAINES, Rev. W. R. LENTON. Treasurer: G. L. MUNRO.	There was a deficit in 1877 of £19 1s. 4d.
Britannia Row Mission and Ragged Schools.	191 14 0	Night School, Sunday School, Penny Bank, Free Lending Library, Mothers' Meeting, Band of Hope.	Hon. Sec. : S. RIVETT. Treas. : H. LOVELL.	

**Other Leading Charities in the Parish of Islington,
not appearing in the Report.**

HOSPITALS, &c.

Small Pox Hospital, Whittington Place, Highgate Hill.

Aged Pilgrims Society's Asylum, Hazelville Road, Hornsey Lane.

Alexandra Orphanage, Ditto ditto

Caledonia Dispensary, 51a, Bingfield Street.

Caledonian Asylum, Caledonian Road.

Drovers' Benevolent Society, Metropolitan Cattle Market.

Holloway Industrial Home for Destitute Boys, 12 Annette Road, Holloway.

Islington and North London Shoeblack Brigade and Refuge, 15, York Road, King's Cross.

London Female Reformatory Institution, 35, Eden Grove, Holloway.

St. Saviour's Hospital, Alfred Terrace, Upper Holloway.

Institution for Nurses, 37, Eden Grove, Holloway.

SCHOOLS.

Sermon Lane Ragged School, Liverpool Road.

Milton's Yard „ „ Elizabeth Terrace, Liverpool Road.

30 Churches

18 Congregational Chapels.

16 Wesleyan „

12 Baptist „

25 Various

LIST OF SUBSCRIBERS AND DONORS.

	Donations.			Subscriptions.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Allon, Rev. Henry, D.D., 10, St. Mary's Road	1	1	0 1
Aviolet, Miss, 78, Petherton Road	5	0	0m
Balch, Jas., 34, Drayton Park	10	6	1
Barber, A. H., Esq., 21, Highbury Terrace	10	0	x
Barnard, J., Esq., 12, Compton Terrace	1	1	0m
Barnard, J., Esq., 20, Drayton Park	1	0	0m
Bartram, R., Esq., 34, Douglas Road	10	0	x
Bayley, T., Esq., 8, Highbury Park	2	2	0 x
Bennett, Thos., Esq., 20, Canonbury Park Square	10	0	m
Bewley, R., Esq., 19, Beacon Hill	5	0	x
Blake, G. J., Esq., 9, Aberdeen Park	1	1	0 x
Boulton, Rev. T. P., D.D., St. John's Hall, Highbury	1	1	0 s
Brand, Thomas, Esq., 17, Marquess Road	10	0	1
Bremer, M. F., Esq., 16, Compton Terrace	1	1	0m
Brewer, Rev. E., 30, Belitha Villas	10	6	m
Bridgman, Rev. A. J., 6, Mountfort Crescent, Barnsbury Square	1	1	0 1			
Brindley, J. B., Esq., 26, Aubert Park	10	6	x
Budd, Geo., Esq., 60, Hilldrop Crescent	1	1	0m
Bush, Rev. R. W., 29, Milner Square	10	0	m
Butter, H., Esq., 249, Camden Road	1	0	0 x
Byrne, E. W., Esq., 19, Old Square, Lincoln's Inn	1	1	0 x
Calder, Miss, 10, Richmond Crescent	5	0	1
Calthrop, Rev. Gordon, 8, Highbury Grange	1	1	0 x
Carpenter, Rev. W. B., 60, Highbury Hill	10	6	x
Carter, W., Esq., 26, Barnsbury Park	10	0	x
Catherwood, G., Esq., 34, Arundel Square	1	1	0 s
Chamberlain, Miss, 13, Marquess Road	1	1	0 x
Chambers, Rev. W. H., 2, Wray Crescent, Tollington Park	1	1	0	..	..	..
Chard, W., Esq., 32, Canonbury Park	2	6	x
Christie, A. Esq., 36, Canonbury Square	10	6	s
Clapham, J., Esq., 34, Milner Square	1	1	0 s
Clarke, Wm., 11, Highbury New Park	1	1	0m
Clarkson, G., Esq., 341, Holloway Road	10	0	m
Clerkenwell Poor Box, per. W. M. Cooke, Esq.	15	0	0	..	..	..
Clifton, N. H., Esq., 20, Cross Street	1	1	0 1
Courtauld, Lewis, Esq., 3, Northumberland Avenue, Putney	0	10	0	2	2	0 s
Courtauld, Mrs., 136, Harley Street	1	1	0 s
Coward, Mrs., North Villa, Upper Holloway	2	6	1
Cree, Dr., St. John's Park	2	6	1
Orellin, P., Esq., 62, Hilldrop Crescent	5	0	m
Ourtis, E. J., Esq., 4, Upper Hornsey Rise	5	0	1
Dalrymple, W. O., Esq., 30, Highbury Grove	1	0	0m
Davis, H., Esq., 52, St. John's Park	10	0	m
Davies, Miss, 11, Cloudeley Street	1	0	0 s
Deacon, Mrs., 38, Highbury Hill Park	5	0	1
Dick, William, Esq., 4, Highbury Crescent West	5	0	m
Dodd, J. D., 64, Hilldrop Crescent	2	6	m
Donnison, Mrs., 67, Highbury New Park	1	1	0	1	1	0 x
Downes, Mrs., 14, St. Mary's Road	5	0	x
	£17	12	0	£34	2	6

	Donations.			Subscriptions		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Drayton, J. B. Esq., 144, Highbury New Park	10	6 x
Duthoit, Mrs., 184, Highbury New Park	5	0 x
Edmonds, Rev. J., D.D., 97, Highbury Hill	10	0 m
Elder, H. H., Esq., 50, City Road	1	1 0 s
Eldon, Lord, per H. J. V., Neale, Esq. ..	10	0	0
Elt, C. H. Esq., 1, Noel Street, Colebrooke Row ..	1	1	0
Esson, J. A., 16, Cloudealey Street	5	0 m
Faraday, Mrs., 320, Liverpool Road	10	6 m
Fletcher, Miss, West Comb House, Warltersville Road	5	0 m
Francis, J., Esq., 8, Belgrave Road, Upper Holloway	5	0 m
Galloway, W. J., Esq., 209, Upper Street	2	6 m
Geard, Mrs., Westbury, Hornsey Lane	10	6 x
Glenny, Mrs., Loxford House, Highbury Park ..	5	0	0	..	1	1 0 x
Glenny, Miss, Loxford House, Highbury Park	10	6 x
Glenny, Miss J., Loxford House, Highbury Park	10	6 x
Gooch, Mrs., 42, Colebrooke Row	5	0 x
Good, W., Esq., 163, Highbury New Park	10	0 x
Goodhew, Miss, 25, Milner Square	5	0 s
Grainger, Mrs., 6, Hornsey Lane	5	0 s
Gritton, Joseph. Esq., 37, Highbury Quadrant	1	0 0 m
Gunnery, Rev. R., Crouch Hill	1	1 0 m
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OF THE

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AND FOR

IMPROVING THE CONDITION OF THE POOR,

(ESTABLISHED 1867.)

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1878.

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II.—To investigate thoroughly the cases of all applicants for charitable relief, whether they are referred to the offices for enquiry and report, or whether they apply of their own accord.

III.—To place gratuitously at the disposal of all charitable agencies and private persons the investigating machinery of the Committees of the Society, and to send, to persons having a legitimate interest in cases, full reports of the result of the investigations made.

IV.—To obtain from the proper charities, or from charitable individuals, suitable and adequate relief for deserving cases.

V.—To assist from its own funds, and as far as possible in the form of loans, all suitable cases for which adequate assistance cannot be obtained from other sources.

VI.—To repress mendicity by the above means, by the gratuitous distribution of Investigation Tickets, and by the prosecution of impostors.

VII.—To afford to the public at large information regarding the objects and mode of working existing charities.

VIII.—To promote, as far as possible, the general welfare of the poor by means of social and sanitary reforms, and by the inculcation of habits of providence and self-dependence.

ELEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT.

"Seek the good of other men, but be not in bondage to their faces or fancies; for that is but Facility, or Softness: which taketh an honest mind prisoner." *Bacon.*

IN presenting the Report of their work during the past year, the Committee propose once more to call the attention of the public to the meaning and main objects of Charity Organization.

It is a prevalent misconception that the only, or even the first object is the distribution of money to the poor.

The Society tries rather to remove the causes of poverty than the results, to prevent people from becoming paupers, rather than to prop them up when it is too late, to teach and help them to support themselves, rather than to support them when they have hopelessly failed. It tries also to economise the funds of the benevolent by systematizing and making a business of Charity, and by watching carefully that charitable money goes to the right people and the right people only: lastly, in all cases of real distress not self-provoked, and where timely help can be of real service, it endeavours to find, either from its own limited funds, or other resources, the help that is required.

As regards the first of these objects, it will be found that much of the work that is now being carried on to improve the condition of the London poor is either in connection with the Central office of the Society or one of the branches, or is at any rate organized by ladies and gentlemen who

are active members of District Committees. In this category fall the improvement of dwelling-houses, the preservation of open spaces, the institution of working men's clubs, coffee palaces, penny banks, labour agencies, and provident dispensaries. Indeed the only ground in which little progress has as yet been made along the whole line, is in providing rational and wholesome amusements. Work of this kind is calculated to improve the condition of the poor, and to keep from them the first approaches of pauperism, by giving them air, health, strength, capacity and opportunity for work, opportunity for saving, and opportunity to provide in the cheapest and easiest way against illness and the doctor's bill. Money spent in improving houses and encouraging temperance will probably be more effective in the long run than what is more commonly known as alms-giving. It is happily becoming almost a truism that careless alms-giving is not only weak but distinctly wrong. Yet there will always be endless individual cases of distress, where charitable aid is needed.

And here follows the second aim of the Society, namely, to systematize Charity. It can do this in two ways. First, by establishing a communication with every existing charitable fund in the District, and acting as a link between them all. In this Parish there are large charitable resources. Besides a mine of endowments, every church and chapel has its own fund, and so long as these work apart from one another, the over-lapping of Charity and consequent waste of good money must be great. It is also inevitable that much money should be given away without due enquiry. The Society is most anxious to act as a link between the Charities in this respect, to offer gratuitously its agency for the purpose of enquiry, to draw up a complete code of the various funds and to ascertain what is the best quarter to

refer their own applicants in those cases which too often come before them, where the suitable form of relief is quite beyond their power to give, though it may happen that some other Society exists in the neighbourhood, where the special kind of aid required could be easily and effectually given. The Committee cannot disclaim too earnestly the propensity of interfering, which is sometimes imputed to them; they wish only to systematize. In accordance with last year's Report, a sub-committee was formed to collect the required information, but at present hardly any returns have been filled up. In this respect it must be owned that the work of the Society in this quarter is less efficient than in some other parts of London, but it is not through the fault of the Committee. Co-operation of this kind is sorely needed, and we do not yet despair of attaining to it. In the classification of cases dealt with, a column will be found for cases "Referred to Local Institutions," and this column is at present almost a blank. On the other hand, the Committee has to thank the Rector for meeting a grant of the Society by a similar grant from the Church Fund, by which means it has been possible to give adequate relief where the fund of the Society alone could not possibly have sufficed. The second way in which it is desired to organize Charity is by keeping an office with due records, and a paid officer of experience to make searching enquiry into the character of applicants, the cause and nature of their distress, and the best way to help them out of it. In this it has the advantage of direct intercourse with similar Committees in every other part of London, and acts as one branch of a great system, working harmoniously throughout the metropolis on a definite plan, and through the link of a Central office, where the experiences of each district are constantly recorded and serve as a guide to the rest. To carry this out, it is clear that much expense must be incurred, but the

Hackney Committee can show as small an item for office expenses as any other, and a larger amount than most, though not half large enough, for the relief of deserving applicants.

To understand the Society's method in treating individual cases, it would be well to look at the classification of decisions. Among the cases dismissed are "Cases for Poor Law." These form the most disheartening part of the work; they are cases of chronic and hopeless poverty, which can only be properly dealt with by the Parish authorities. It is sometimes thought cruel to send any man to the Parish, who professes to be trying to keep away from it; but unfortunately there are many families with neither the physical nor the moral power to support themselves for any length of time, and it is better to leave such cases to be provided for by the legal remedy, than to waste charitable money on them, if it is only too clear that such outlay will not be of permanent value. The system of doles, of dribbling out small relief for the exigencies of the moment, when such a moment is no exception in the life of the recipient, but one that will recur inevitably at short intervals, does no lasting good and tends only to sap the self-reliance of the poorest classes. It is an easy way of relieving the feelings of the giver to the injury of the receiver. But assistance is never refused to an applicant of good character, even though at the time actually in receipt of Parish relief, if there is reasonable hope that the aid will make him permanently self-supporting.

In Class III, "Assisted," the Committee especially call the attention of Subscribers to the heading "Letters to Hospitals." In many cases a money grant, *per se*, is useless, while good hospital treatment, or perhaps a month at

a convalescent home in the country, is the one thing required. It would be of great service if Subscribers would place tickets of admission in the hands of the Committee, or notify them of the existence of such tickets, and allow the Committee to apply to them for deserving cases.

The points observed in making Grants or Loans may be summarized as follows :—

1. The aid must be of permanent value; and if permanent good cannot be obtained, the case must be rejected.

2. The aid must be sufficient. It is better to concentrate all the available funds on a few cases, giving adequate help to each, than to distribute them in inadequate doles among a larger number.

3. The aid must be of the kind best suited to the case, and not necessarily a mere money grant.

4. The character of the applicant must be taken into account, especially as regards intemperance and improvidence. To this it is sometimes objected that the Committee are not judges of the actions of others. This is partly true, but the Committee have to see that the public money, of which they are guardians, is not wasted. No money aid will make a drunkard maintain his family. And what is said of drunkenness applies also to general improvidence. If people will not try to help themselves, who can help them? No doubt it is very hard to draw the line. There is a large class to whom life is a constant struggle, and who have little enough to lay by in the best of times. For such persons every allowance should be made; still there are very few who could not make some effort, and it is certainly not from want of sympathy for the poor that recklessness is treated with severity. If it is only by constant care and thrift that the poorest classes can reach anything approaching to a life of comfort, it is a strange kindness to weaken the motive for self-denial by teaching them that the improvidence of the past is not to count against them.

During the past year a partial check has been put to the distribution of boots and clothing for children to attend school. The officers of the School Board are constantly met by the objection that children cannot go to school for want of boots. For some time the Society undertook to provide the boots, unless there was something against the

character of the parents. But there was soon clear ground for supposing that the boots had become a perquisite, too many applications being couched in this particular form. Of late therefore it has been decided to act more strictly in accordance with the principles of the Society in this respect, and while the Committee shrink, through fear of encouraging an abuse, from granting boots alone, they are still glad in cases of real distress to grant them, provided they can at the same time give some substantial and adequate help to the family, which shall prevent the recurrence of the appeal to Charity.

The distribution of bread in the office has also been stopped, except in very pressing cases. The visits of the ordinary tramp have therefore almost ceased. Of the few who have lately called, all had slept at the Casual Ward over-night, and were passing on aimlessly elsewhere. It is clearly out of the province of the Society to support tramps.

To find employment for the destitute is always a difficult task, but the hardest cases of all are those of widows with young children. It is generally possible to find something for a man to do, provided he has average health, which shall at least give him another chance. For all women it is more difficult, owing to the cruelly low remuneration which is paid for their work: but since in the last few years there has been some relaxation of the selfish prejudice of men against women's work, and of the difficulties placed in their way, with a little time and care something can be found for those who have received a moderate education, while domestic service is always open to the poorest classes. For those who have children to tend the case seems almost hopeless. Usually the only suggestions are a sewing machine

or a mangle, and either of these means little better than starvation.

It was intended to publish a list of the Endowed Charities of Hackney, with their incomes, as stated in a digest of the Endowed Charities of Middlesex, ordered by the House of Commons in 1868; but on examination it is found that the present incomes are so far in excess of the returns made at that date, that the information would be unreliable.

The resignation of the office of Treasurer by Mr. E. Beedell is deeply to be regretted, and the Committee cannot but feel the greatest sympathy for the protracted ill-health which has made the resignation necessary. Mr. Viney has kindly undertaken to fill the vacant office.

In conclusion, the Committee invite the public to co-operate with them, not only by liberal subscriptions, but also by carrying out in their private dealings a rational and enlightened system of Charity.

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**STATEMENT OF CASES DEALT WITH BETWEEN
OCTOBER 1st, 1877, AND SEPTEMBER 30th, 1878.**

CLASS I.—DISMISSED OR UNFAVOURABLY REPORTED ON AS—

1. Not requiring relief	18	
2. Undeserving	12	
3. Cases for Poor-Law, or otherwise ineligible	31	
	—	61

CLASS II.—RECOMMENDED TO—

1. The Guardians	27	
2. Institutions or Local Agencies	2	
3. Private Persons	1	
	—	30

CLASS III.—ASSISTED BY—

1. Grants	78	
2. Loans	14	
3. Employment	1	
Letters for Hospitals	0	
	—	93

184*

* Of whom 18 belonged to a Club or Benefit Society.]

Reports sent out	130
Enquiries for other Committees	121
Vagrants dealt with	40

**STATEMENT OF FEMALE APPLICANTS DURING THE
PAST YEAR.**

	Referred to Parish.	Assisted.	Total.
Widows under 30	—	6	6
„ over 30 and under 40	8	16	24
„ over 40 and under 50	7	5	12
„ over 50	6	9	15
Single Women under 30	—	1	1
„ „ over 30 and under 40	2	2	4
„ „ over 40 and under 50	—	1	1
„ „ over 50	2	—	2
Deserted Women	5	—	5
	30	40	70

Total 70, out of 184 applications.

OCCUPATIONS OF THE APPLICANTS.

Analytical Chemist	1	Brought forward	108
Artificial Flower Maker	1	Laundress	8
Baker	1	Letter Carrier	1
Bootmaker	13	Mangle Woman	3
Bricklayer	3	Machinist	1
Brushmaker	1	Milkman	1
Butcher	2	Needlewoman	5
Cabinet Maker	6	News vendor	1
Card Box Maker	1	Night Watchman	1
Carman	3	Painter	5
Carpenter	3	Printer	1
Carver	1	Ropemaker	1
Chair Paperer	1	Seaman	3
Charwoman	17	Servant	2
Clerk	7	Schoolmistress	1
Clicker	1	Scrubber	1
Coachman	4	Tailor	2
Colour Worker	1	Toy Maker	1
Cooper	1	Traveller	2
Dressmaker	4	Twine Spinner	1
Engineer	2	Vellum Binder	1
Furniture Broker	1	Warehouseman	2
General Dealer	1	Watchmaker	1
Hatter	1	Wheelwright	1
Hawker	6	Window Blind Maker	1
Horsekeeper	1	Wine Cooper	1
Ironmonger	1	Wood Turner	1
Labourer	23	Of no occupation	27
Carried forward	108	Total	184

SPECIMENS OF CASES DEALT WITH BY THE COMMITTEE.

CLASS I.

NOT REQUIRING RELIEF.

No. 887. A family applied for £4 to purchase a mangle. The man was temporarily out of work, and could usually earn 23/- a week; the wife 3/6 by charring. One son was 21 years old, and one daughter 17. It was thought the family ought to be able to support itself.

No. 898. A labourer, aged 42, and earning 25/- a week, applied for boots for his youngest children. The wife, aged 40, was well able to work. There were four grown-up daughters; a son of 13 years old, earning 4/6; and four young children. Refused on same grounds.

UNDESERVING.

No. 891. A muffin-baker, aged 36, with a wife aged 33, and four young children, applied for one pound to buy stock and pay arrears of rent. The Relieving Officer reported him as an habitual drunkard, and it appeared he had been offered the stone yard. Refused.

CASES FOR POOR LAW.

No. 975. A milkman, aged 67, past work: wife, aged 48, suffering from an internal injury: three children, aged 19, 18, and 17. It appeared in this case that the children ought to support their parents, but failing that, no permanent aid could be given.

CLASS. II.

RECOMMENDED TO THE GUARDIANS.

No. 988. A bricklayer, aged 31, in a decline, and unable to do any work, the wife near her confinement, and seven children: four weeks' rent in arrears: pawn tickets to the value of £6.

RECOMMENDED TO PRIVATE PERSONS.

No. 973. A labourer applied for surgical aid letters to enable him to get a cork boot for a child. Enquiry showed that the family were respectable and deserving, and that the applicant belonged to a club. The necessary letters were obtained from a private source.

CLASS III.

ASSISTED BY GRANT.

No. 905. A widow, aged 25, with a child of five months. Had lost her husband five months before of consumption, and was destitute. She applied for help to go out to her mother who is in Texas, where she would probably have better chance of earning a living. The Committee gave her £5, the Magistrate gave £5 from the Poor Box, £4 7s. 6d. was contributed by private persons. She was also able to realize something from a sewing machine, and so, by means of co-operation, the case was successfully dealt with.

ASSISTED BY LOAN.

No. 958. A widow, aged 30, of good character, with four children, earning nine shillings a week by a sewing machine and selling soap. Applied for a loan of £3 to take a small house and let it out in furnished apartments. Good security was given, and the instalments are being punctually repaid.

LETTERS TO HOSPITALS.

No. 1025. A widow, aged 44, without children, and prevented from work by a severe illness from which she was recovering, was sent by the Committee to the Limpsfield Convalescent Home. (*This case was decided since the close of the financial year.*)

CASES REFERRED TO THE PEEK FUND. (A fund of £1,000 given every year by Mr. PEEK to cases of distress brought to light by the School Board, to be dealt with according to the principles of the Charity Organization Society.)

No. 880. A card-board box maker, aged 46: wife 44: son out of employment, 16: daughter, 14, nursing the children: and five small children. Rent due, £23. Pawn tickets, £6. Had fallen gradually during two years, owing to a series of misfortunes, and was at the time quite destitute. The Committee refused to help, until he could get quite clear of present debts. The Landlord, after some discussion, agreed to release him from all obligations, on his giving an I. O. U., and not to press him, until he had time to improve his position. £10 was drawn from the Fund, by which means the daughter was clothed and sent into service, the son was put into a situation at fifteen shillings per week, the younger children were clothed for school, and the applicant himself enabled to make a fresh start. Within two months the husband and wife were together making £2 a week, besides the sums mentioned above, and four shillings earned by the second boy.

RETURN OF THE NUMBER OF BEGGARS

Apprehended in the Parish of Hackney by Police from October 1st, 1877, to September 30th, 1878,
showing result, &c.

No. Apprehended.	Convicted.	Discharged.	Sentences.				Remarks.
			7 Days.	14 Days.	21 Days.	Industrial School.	
16	6	10	1	2	2	1	

RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.
To Balance in London and County Bank ..	12	1	2
" Subscriptions and Donations.. ..	279	13	6
" Subscriptions for Special Cases ..	55	5	9
" Repayments of Loans.. ..	12	1	0
" Balance due to the Treasurer ..	25	15	2

EXPENDITURE.	£	s.	d.
By Relief in kind..
" " Loans
" " Gifts
" Donations for Special Cases
" Salary to Agent
" Commission to Collectors
" Postage and Petty Cash Charges
" Advertisements
" Printing and Distributing 3,000 "Annual Reports, 1877-78"; Office Books and Stationery
" Office Cleaning, Firing, &c..
" Cash in Office

£ s. d.
.. 12 1 2
.. 279 13 6
.. 55 5 9
.. 12 1 0
.. 25 15 2

31 13 7
38 8 0
113 4 1
55 5 9
78 10 0
14 6 11
7 0 5
1 8 0
34 17 8
9 0 6
1 1 8

£384 16 7

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November, 1878.

Examined and found correct, { J. B. JAMES, } Auditors.
GEO. GOWLAND,

List of Subscriptions and Donations.

	£	s.	d.
A. B.	1	1	0
Abbott, W. 30, Oakfield-road	0	5	0
Absell, W. 252, Dalston-lane	0	2	6
Adams, J. O. Upper Clapton	0	10	0
Affleck, W. Upper Clapton	0	5	0
Aland, Beaumont, 32, Farleigh-road	0	2	6
Alebaster, R. G. 14, Queen's-downs-road	0	5	0
Alexander, A. T. 35, Colveston-crescent	0	5	0
Allen, S. Upper Clapton	1	1	0
Allen, The Misses, 23, Clapton-square	0	5	0
Allsop, Miss, 248, Richmond-road	0	2	6
Amherst, Wm. Amherst Tyssen, Didlington Hall, Norfolk	15	15	0
Anderson, C. H. Warwick-road	0	10	0
Anderton, H. Lower Clapton	0	5	0
Appleton, Dr. 31, Pembury-road	0	5	0
Arundel, S. D. Downs-road	0	2	6
Ashby, R. Manor-road	0	5	0
Ashmore, C. T. 13, Buccleugh-terrace	0	5	0
Atkins, R. Warwick-road	1	1	0
Audley, J. 14, Pembury-road	0	10	0
Aukland, T. F. 321, Amhurst-road	0	2	6
Austin, T. Well-street	0	2	6
Baden, A. 7, Downs-road	0	10	0
Bailey, C. High-street, Kingsland	0	5	0
Baines, J. 80, Amhurst-road	0	5	0
Baines, Miss, 80, Amhurst-road	0	5	0
Baker, Miss, 7, Pembury-road	1	1	0
Baker, Rev. W. 4, Clapton-square	0	10	6
Banaster, A. 5, Bodney-road	0	2	6
Barber, E. Upper Clapton	0	10	0
Barker, W. 350, Mare-street	0	3	0
Barrett, Mrs. 49, Clapton Common	0	10	0
Barrows, Mrs. 58, Colveston-crescent	0	2	6
Bartlett, — Grange-road	0	2	6
Barton, R. G. 98, Graham-road	0	5	0
Bathurst, W. 101, High-street, Kingsland	0	5	0
Bax, F. 13, Clapton-square	0	10	6
Beck, E. Stamford Hill	0	10	0
Benetfink, Mrs. 21, Pembury-road	0	10	0
Bennett, E. L. 124, High-street, Homerton	1	1	0
Berdoo, E. 56, Victoria-park-road	0	5	0
Berger, C. Lower Clapton	1	10	0
Berger, L. Lower Clapton	1	0	0
Berger, Miss, 6, Portland-place	0	10	0
Berkett, J. Stamford Hill	0	10	0
Best, W. 19, Greenwood-road	0	5	0

Carried forward 34 16 6

	£	s.	d.
Brought forward	34	16	6
Bidford, A. 32, Kenninghall-road	0	2	6
Billenge, J. Cazenove-road	0	5	0
Birch, Dr. 105, Downs-road	0	5	0
Birch, Mrs. 4, Downs-road	0	5	0
Birkett, J. 6, The Terrace, Upper Clapton	0	5	0
Blatch, Rev. F. R. Vicarage, Homerton	0	10	6
Bliss, E. 6, Downs-park-road	0	5	0
Bloxham, R. 1, Glenarm-road	0	2	6
Booth, Miss, 21, King Edward-road	0	10	0
Booth, Mrs. 3, Gore-road	0	2	6
Bourne, J. 41, Cricketfield-road	0	2	6
Bowes, Mrs. Laura-place	0	10	0
Bowman, Miss, Maitland-place	0	10	0
Bradley, E. G. Downs-park-road	0	10	0
Bradley, J. 44, Cricketfield-road	0	5	0
Bridge, Mrs. 4, St. Thomas's-square	0	5	0
Briggs, T. J. 10, Laura-place	0	10	0
Bright, George, 286, Mare-street	0	5	0
Brodribb, The Misses, 16, Buccleugh-terrace	0	2	6
Brook, Mrs. 71, Farleigh-road	0	2	6
Brown, Mr. 2, Bayhall-villas	0	5	0
Brown, E. 4, Median-road	0	5	0
Brown, J. 9, Hayworth-road	0	2	6
Brown, R. 4, Dunlace-road	0	2	0
Brown, T. 21, Nightingale-road	0	5	0
Brown, Mrs. 16, Glenarm-road	0	2	6
Browning, Mr. Richmond-road	0	5	0
Brushfield, R. 14, Clapton-square	0	5	0
Bryant, J. 66, Farleigh-road	0	5	0
Buchanan, Mrs. 54, Kenninghall-road	0	10	0
Burnett, G. A. R. 42, Cricketfield-road	0	5	0
Burrough, J. 2, Clarence-road	0	5	0
Bush, G. 71, Clarence-road	0	5	0
Butler, Mrs. T. Cazenove-road	0	5	0
Cable, G. 12, Graham-road	0	5	0
Capper, T. H. 67, Farleigh-road	0	10	0
Carey, Mrs. 20, Clapton-square	0	10	0
Carpenter, Mrs. 173, Amhurst-road	0	5	0
Carter, J. C. 135, Victoria-park-road	0	2	6
Casey, W. 26, Richmond-road	0	2	6
Cash, J. 64, Cricketfield-road	0	2	6
Castaline, Miss, Upper Clapton	0	2	6
Causley, — (donation)	0	2	6
Chatteris, Miss, Clapton-passages	0	5	0
Cheston, C. Upper Clapton	1	1	0
Child, H. 51, Downs-road	1	1	0
Child, J. 12, Farleigh-road	0	2	6
Church, G. Mount-pleasant-lane	0	10	6
Churchill, Miss, 27, Shore-road	0	5	0
Churchill, C. 33, Pembury-road	0	5	0
Clark, Mrs. Rawdon-house	1	1	0
Clark, Mrs. Upper Clapton	0	2	6
Clark, F. W. 4, Queen's-downs-road	0	5	0

Carried forward 51 0 0

	£	s.	d.
Brought forward	51	0	0
Clark, A. Downs-park-road	0	10	0
Clark, Dr. Upper Clapton	0	5	0
Clark, Mrs. L. 274, Dalston-lane	0	5	0
Clements, Mrs. 97, Victoria-park-road	0	2	6
Clennell, W. 87, Downs-road	0	10	0
Cobb, Mrs. 25, Downs-park-road	1	0	0
Cockell, W. Grange-road	0	10	6
Cogan, The Misses, 39, Shore-road	0	15	0
Cohen, J. 12, Buccleugh-terrace	0	10	0
Coldwells, J. Stamford Hill	0	5	0
Cole, A. J. Upper Clapton	0	10	0
Cole, D. Cranbourne-house	0	2	6
Coleman, W. J. 8, Willow-terrace	0	2	6
Collier, A. Stamford Hill	0	10	0
Collier, F. Stamford Hill	1	0	0
Collier, R. J. 25, Cricketfield-road	0	3	0
Collier, W. H. Goulton-road	0	5	0
Collin, Mrs. 58, Cawley-road	0	2	6
Collings, H. 8, London-road	0	2	6
Compton, W. P. Five-houses, Lower Clapton	1	1	0
Cook, Dr. Upper Clapton	0	10	6
Cooper, Mrs. 6, Chatham-place	0	5	0
Copeman, T. 4, Warwick Terrace, Upper Clapton	1	0	0
Cork, Mrs. 38, Farleigh-road	0	2	6
Cork, W. Well-street	0	5	0
Corkran, C. 28, Colveston-crescent	0	5	0
Cornelius, C. 398, Mare-street	0	5	0
Courcelle, J. C. 12, Sandringham-road	0	2	6
Coventry, J. 400, Mare-street	1	1	0
Cox, A. 178, Richmond-road	0	2	6
Cox, G. 10, Portland-place	0	5	0
Crampton, Miss, Lower Clapton	1	1	0
Crocker, Mr. 181, Amhurst-road	0	5	0
Crocker, Miss, 181, Amhurst-road	0	2	6
Croft, Mr. 50, Sandringham-road	0	2	6
Crook, Mrs. Ravensdale-road	0	10	0
Crook, J. J. Lea-bridge-road	0	5	0
Crook, L. T. Stamford Hill	1	1	0
Cross, Mr. 27, Greenwood-road	0	2	6
Cross, C. 41, Nightingale-road	0	5	0
Crowder, W. 33, Clapton-square	0	10	0
Crowhurst, J. 4, High-street, Homerton	1	1	0
Crowhurst, Mrs. 4, High-street, Homerton	0	10	6
Crutcher, G. 3, Clapton-square	0	10	6
Dabbs, W. M. Lower Clapton	0	10	0
Dakin, J. Amhurst Park	0	10	6
Davis, C. Stamford Hill	1	1	0
Day, Mrs. 14, Sandringham-road	0	5	0
Devaux, Mrs. Providence-house, 77, Mare-street	1	1	0
Dennis, T. Mare-street	0	10	0
Derisley, W. J. G. 388, Mare-street	0	5	0
Devling, J. 15, Urswick-road	0	5	0
Dipple, E. 64, Kenninghall-road	0	5	0

Carried forward 74 15 0

	£	s.	d.
Brought forward	74	15	0
Dixon, Mrs. 122, Amhurst-road		0	5 0
Dixon, A. F. 134, Amhurst-road		0	2 6
Dixon, P. J. 195, Amhurst-road		0	10 0
Donation		0	2 6
Donation		0	2 6
Donation, Nightingale-road		0	2 6
Donation, 29, Glenarm-road		0	2 6
Donation		0	2 0
Donation, 48, Oakfield-road		0	2 0
Donation, Farleigh-road		0	1 0
Donation, Navarino-road		0	1 0
Donbavund, J. K. 115, Richmond-road		0	2 6
Dore, Mrs. Upper Clapton		0	5 0
Dore, E. S. 46, Cricketfield-road		0	2 6
Droop, J. R. Stamford Hill		1	1 0
Droop, Mrs. Stamford Hill		1	1 0
Drummond, A. D. 6, Dunlace-road		0	2 6
Duffell, Mrs. 100, Amhurst-road		0	2 6
Duffield, D. Manor-road		0	10 0
Duval, P. S. 236, Dalston-lane		1	1 0
Edell, J. 44, Pembury-road		0	10 0
Edelsten, F. A. Ravensdale-road		0	2 6
Eldershaw, Mrs. Amhurst Park		0	5 0
Elliman, C. 20, Kenninghall-road		0	5 0
Elliman, W. 20, Kenninghall-road		0	5 0
Elliott, H. G. 7, The Crescent		0	5 0
Elliott, W. Lower Clapton		0	10 0
Ellis, J. 42, Greenwood-road		0	2 6
Ells, Mrs. 55, Downs-park-road		0	5 0
Eyre, T. Downs-park-road		0	2 6
Fairbains, W. Springfield		0	10 6
Fieldwick, A. 233, Dalston-lane		0	5 0
Fieldwick, W. Upper Clapton		0	5 0
Finch, Mrs. "The Alma," Church-road, Homerton		0	10 0
Fish, T. Lower Clapton		0	5 0
Fletcher, G. 66, Cricketfield-road		0	2 6
Fordham, E. 146, Richmond-road		0	5 0
Forman, Dr. E. B. Stoke Newington-road		0	5 0
Foster, R. Upper Clapton		10	0 0
Fox, Mrs. Stamford Hill		0	2 6
Framingham, C. 35, King Edward-road		0	10 0
Franklin, Mrs. Colveston-crescent		0	2 0
Freeman, T. T. Tenby-house, 14, Darnley-road		0	5 0
Freswell, B. J. 10, Clapton-square		0	5 0
Friend, A. 53, King Edward-road		0	5 0
Friend, A. 35, Darnley-road		0	2 6
Friend, A. 11, Darnley-road		0	2 6
Friend, A. Victoria-park-road		0	2 6
Friend, A. London-road		0	2 0
Frodsham, Mrs. 41, Pembury-road		0	5 0
Fryman, H. 3, Farleigh-road		0	5 0
Fullford, Mrs. 1, Clapton-place		0	2 0
Carried forward	98	8	0

	£	s.	d.
Brought forward	98	8	0
G.	0	2	6
G. K. 11, St. Mark's-villas	0	5	0
Garrett, W. 24, Clapton-square	0	5	0
Garva, Mrs. Lower Clapton	0	5	0
Garwood, W. R. 416, Mare-street	0	10	6
Gibbs, D. A. Springfield	1	1	0
Gibbs, Mrs. J. Y. 112, Amhurst-road	0	5	0
Gilbert, E. G. 234, Mare-street	0	10	0
Gillis, T. Goulton-road	0	2	6
Gillson, E. 390, Mare-street	0	2	6
Gittins, — Lower Clapton	0	5	0
Glover, T. H. 24, Clapton-square	0	5	0
Goble, E. J. Downs-road	0	5	0
Godfrey, J. 8, Nightingale-road	0	5	0
Goode, F. L. 223, Amhurst-road	0	5	0
Goodman, Miss, 83, Clapton Common	0	10	0
Goodman, J. Upper Clapton	1	1	0
Goodwin, Mrs. 65, Graham-road	0	2	0
Gordon, Rev. A. Parsonage, Dalston	0	10	0
Gowland, G. Downs-road	1	1	0
Granger, E. J. Upper Clapton	0	5	0
Green, Miss, Laura-place	0	10	0
Greenhill, J. Downs-park-road	0	5	0
Griffin, J. Lea-bridge-road	0	10	0
Griffiths, C. 9, Queen's-downs-road	0	5	0
Grist, W. 405, Mare-street	0	10	6
Groves, C. 25, Downs-road	0	10	0
Guilland, J. R. 95, High-street, Homerton	0	5	0
H. G. Colveston-crescent	0	2	6
H. P.	0	2	0
Hagan, Miss, 56, Amhurst-road	0	2	6
Hall, Miss, 127, Dalston-lane	0	2	6
Hall, C. Upper Clapton	0	5	0
Hanbury, F. J. Warwick-road	0	10	6
Hancock, Mrs. Mount-pleasant-lane	0	10	0
Hannan, J. 8, Bodney-road	0	5	0
Hardy, C. 212, Amhurst-road	0	5	0
Hargrave, Mrs. 264, Amhurst-road	0	2	6
Harris, Mrs. 41, Greenwood-road	0	2	6
Harris, Mrs. Upper Clapton	1	0	0
Harris, Miss, Upper Clapton	1	0	0
Harris, Miss L. Upper Clapton	1	0	0
Harris, F. Warwick-avenue	0	10	0
Harris, R. Darnley-house, Darnley-road	0	10	6
Harris, R. 12, Portland-place	0	10	0
Harris, S. C. 1, Buccleugh-terrace	1	1	0
Harrowin, Miss and Miss J. 144, Sandringham-road	0	15	0
Hart, G. 22, Clapton-square	0	2	0
Hart, J. 16, High-street, Homerton	0	5	0
Hartley, F. J. 97, Cazenove-road	0	5	0
Harvey, J. Norfolk-house, Well-street	0	5	0
Harvey, J. 13, Pembury-road	0	5	0
Harvey, J. C. 45, Downs-road	0	10	0

Carried forward 119 16 0

	£	s.	d.
Brought forward	119	15	0
Haseltine, E. J. 20, Cricketfield-road	0	2	6
Hawes, J. T. Springfield	0	10	0
Haywood, J. 39, High-street, Homerton	0	10	6
Head, H. Stamford Hill	1	1	0
Hebditch, Rev. S. 43, Downs-road	0	10	6
Hepworth, C. 319, Amhurst-road	0	2	6
Herbert, — Upper Clapton	0	5	0
Hill, G. 227, Dalston-lane	0	5	0
Hills, H. Stamford Hill	0	5	0
Hindley, Mrs. 4, Lea-bridge-road	0	5	0
Hinkley, E. Goulton-road	0	5	0
Hogsflesh, W. 63, Median-road	0	2	6
Holloway, Mrs. 39, Pembury-road	1	0	0
Holloway, C. 35, Glenarm-road	0	5	0
Homer, Mrs. 121, Amhurst-road	0	5	0
Hoon, W. G. 120, Greenwood-road	0	2	6
Hopwood, G. Grange-road	0	5	0
Hore, W. T. Springfield	0	2	6
Horner, R. Upper Clapton	0	10	6
Hovell, Dennis De Berdt, Lower Clapton	1	1	0
Howard, O. 2, Pond-place	0	2	6
Hudson, T. 297, Mare-street	0	5	0
Hughes, E. W. 37, Nightingale-road	0	10	0
Hugo, Mrs. 211, Amhurst-road	0	10	0
Hulbert, T. Upper Clapton	0	10	0
Hull, J. 128, High-street, Kingsland	0	5	0
Humberston, E. W. High-street, Homerton	0	5	0
Humphreys, Mrs. 14, Bodney-road	0	2	6
Hunt, Miss, Upper Clapton	0	5	0
Husband, J. Goulton-road	0	5	0
Hutchinson, T. 49, Downs-park-road	0	5	0
Hyall, F. 12, Cricketfield-road	0	2	6
Ibbetson, J. 389, Mare-street	0	5	0
Iveson, T. G. Laura-place	0	5	0
J. L. London-road	0	2	6
Jackson, Mrs. 23, Greenwood-road	0	2	6
Jacomb, C. Upper Clapton	10	10	0
Jacomb, F. Amhurst Park	1	1	0
Janson, The Misses, Warwick-road	1	1	0
Jenkinson, A. Upper Clapton	0	10	0
Johnson, Mrs. Upper Clapton	1	1	0
Johnson, B. Springfield	0	5	0
Johnson, J. Upper Clapton	1	0	0
Johnson, R. T. 100, High-street, Homerton	0	10	0
Jones, Mrs. 47, Well-street	0	10	0
Jones, J. W. 202, Amhurst-road	0	5	0
Jones, Mrs. P. 22, Pembury-road	0	10	0
Joyce, W. 19, Downs-road	0	5	0
Kellock, Mrs. Stamford Hill	0	5	0
Kelly, J. 45, Glenarm-road	0	2	6
Kelsey, Henry, 59, King Edward-road	0	5	0
Carried forward	149	14	0

	£	s.	d.
Brought forward	149	14	0
Kemp, S. 16, Oakfield-road	0	2	6
Kempt, F. S. 2, Oakfield-road	0	3	0
Kendell, T. 191, Dalston-lane	0	10	0
Kent, W. 28, Kenninghall-road	0	2	6
Kilby, J. Upper Clapton	0	10	0
Kilroy, Bernard, Mare-street	0	2	6
Kimbel, F. 134, Sandringham-road	0	5	0
Kimber, W. 107, High-street, Homerton	0	5	0
King, Mrs. Victoria-park-road	0	2	6
King, R. Upper Clapton	5	0	0
Kingsford, Rev. Clapton Common	0	10	6
Kingsford, Dr. Upper Clapton	0	10	0
Kinnell, Alexander, 5, St. Mark's-terrace	0	5	0
Knight, A. Upper Clapton	1	1	0
Knight, H. T. 14, Evering-road	0	2	6
Kolle, W. H. Cazenove-road	0	5	0
Lambert, F. D. Stamford Hill	0	5	0
Larking, R. J. 98, Clarence-road	0	5	0
Lawrence, Mrs. and Miss, 82, Victoria-park-road	0	10	0
Leech, G. E. 5, Downs-park-road	0	5	0
Lewins, G. P. 49, Glenarm-road	0	2	6
Lewis, Mrs. 5, St. Thomas's-square	0	10	0
Lewis, G. 48, Pembury-road	0	5	0
Lewis, H. M. 311, Mare-street	0	5	0
Lewling, B. 3, Urswick-road	1	1	0
Liddell, E. The College, Homerton	0	10	0
Lindsay, Mrs. 55, Clarence-road	0	5	0
Livasage, Mrs. Turret-lodge, Victoria-park-road	0	5	0
Lloyd, J. 47, Clarence-road	0	5	0
Loader, Mrs. 207, Amhurst-road	0	5	0
Loader, J. 38, Oakfield-road	0	5	0
London, W. F. 213, Dalston-lane	0	2	6
Lovegrove, J. 16, Urswick-road	0	10	0
Low, J. Upper Clapton	1	1	0
Low, S. H. 1, Warwick-road	0	10	0
Lucas, T. Lower Clapton	1	1	0
Lush, T. B. Lower Clapton	0	5	0
Mackintosh, J. 70, Cricketfield-road	0	2	0
Mackintyre, J. 32, Bodney-road	0	2	6
Macmurdo, L. 254, Dalston-lane	0	5	0
Mc Millan, T. 231, Amhurst-road	0	2	6
Maddox, J. Laura-place	0	2	6
Maine, W. 79, Downs-park-road	0	5	0
Malyon, Mr. 12, Grange-road	0	2	6
Marks, T. S. Laura-place	0	2	6
Marrett, G. 30, Evering-road	0	5	0
Marsh, Mrs. 263, Mare-street	0	10	0
Mart, S. 1, London-road	1	1	0
Martin, J. D. 124, Amhurst-road	0	5	0
Mason, J. E. 19, Hayworth-road	0	2	
Massey, Mrs. 7, Chatham-place	0	2	0
Matthew, Allen, 34, Greenwood-road	0	2	6

Carried forward 171 16 6

	£	s.	d.
Brought forward	171	16	6
Manger, M. 37, Clapton-square	0	10	0
Maxton, L. L. 9, Glenarm-road	0	5	0
Meadows, H. J. 135, Dalston-lane	0	5	0
Meadows, J. D. 33, Colveston-crescent	0	2	6
Meakin, W. 3, Glenarm-road	0	2	6
Miall, Rev. W. 71, Richmond-road	0	5	0
Mileham, H. T. Grange-road	0	5	0
Miller, Mrs. 16, Grove-villas	0	2	6
Miller, A. 2, Warwick-road	0	5	0
Miller, F. 272, Dalston-lane	0	5	0
Mills, E. 14, Kenninghall-road	0	2	6
Mills, W. H. 36, Clapton-square	0	6	0
Mirams, J. Upper Clapton	0	5	0
Mitchell, E. V. 4, Walsingham-road	0	5	0
Mitchell, J. S. 36, Pembury-road	0	10	6
Mitcheson, R. E. Upper Clapton	0	10	0
Molyneaux, Mrs. 51, Downs-park-road	0	5	0
Moody, S. Lower Clapton	0	2	6
Moreland, W. H. 10, London-road	0	5	0
Morley, J. Upper Clapton	1	1	0
Mott, C. Manor-road	0	10	0
Murdock, Miss, Upper Clapton	0	5	0
Neilson, Miss, 9, Buccleugh-terrace	0	5	0
Newell, E. 6, Spurstowe-road	1	1	0
Newnham, E. 377, Mare-street	0	5	0
Noaks, Mrs. 63, Kenninghall-road	0	5	0
Noble, E. 34, Farleigh-road	0	2	6
North, G. 86, Amhurst-road	0	5	0
Nutter, W. L. Springfield	0	10	6
Ogden, T. W. Upper Clapton	0	10	6
Olding, B. S. Urswick-road	1	1	0
Oliver, A. J. 42, London-road	0	2	6
Outhwaite, J. Goulton-road	0	10	0
Outter, A. G. 27, Pembury-road	0	5	0
Owen, J. Upper Clapton	0	10	0
Oxley, John, Upper Clapton	10	0	0
Pace, E. Warwick-road	0	10	0
Pace, E. J. Warwick-avenue	0	10	0
Paddle, J. 107, Amhurst-road	0	5	0
Page, Miss, 37, Pembury-road	0	5	0
Page, Mr. 31, Navarino-road	0	2	0
Page, R. 62, Farleigh-road	0	5	0
Paine, C. C. Stamford Hill	1	0	0
Palmer, C. 64, High-street, Homerton	0	5	0
Palmer, J. B. 128, Victoria-park-road	2	2	0
Parker, R. 212, Dalston-lane	0	5	0
Parnell, J. Upper Clapton	5	0	0
Parry, A. F. 16, Hayworth-road	0	2	6
Patterson, Mrs. Cazenove-road	0	5	0
Pattinson, J. P. Amhurst Park	0	5	0
Payne, W. 67, Downs-road	0	10	6

Carried forward 205 16 6

	£	s.	d.
Brought forward	205	16	6
Peacock, Mrs. 80, Victoria-park-road	0	5	0
Pearce, E. 57, Cricketfield-road	0	5	0
Pearson, Rev. H. D. Kenninghall-road	1	1	0
Pedley, Miss, 46, Pembury-road	0	5	0
Perry, Mrs. 135, Amhurst-road	0	5	0
Phiel, W. C. Stamford Hill	0	10	6
Phillips, Mrs. 415, Mare-street	0	5	0
Pickett, W. R. Upper Clapton	1	1	0
Pickford, O. 6, Bodney-road	0	5	0
Pierce, W. 42, Sandringham-road	0	2	6
Pinnell, Miss, 24, London-road	0	5	0
Pitt, H. T. 40, Clapton Common	0	10	0
Powell, T. 100, Clarence-road	0	5	0
Prentice, J. 81, Downs-road	0	5	0
Prested, T. H. Portland-place North	0	2	6
Preston, Mr. 23, Greenwood-road	0	2	6
Price, Rev. Upper Clapton (donation)	0	10	0
Prince, Mrs. 1, Eaton-terrace	0	5	0
Prior, Mrs. Cromer-house	0	5	0
Prior, S. 85, Greenwood-road	0	2	6
Pritchard, J. Upper Clapton	0	2	6
Pritchett, J. W. 57, London-road	0	5	0
Pullin, J. 83, Downs-road	0	5	0
Pulton, Messrs. 224, Mare-street	0	5	0
Ramsdale, Miss, 23, Darnley-road	0	2	6
Rawlings, Mrs. 406, Mare-street	0	5	0
Redwood, Dr. Urswick-road	0	10	6
Reed, A. 7, Evering-road	0	5	0
Reynolds, Miss, 25, Kenninghall-road	0	5	0
Reynolds, Mrs. 53, Clarence-road	0	2	6
Reynolds, F. 25, Kenninghall-road	0	5	0
Reynolds, G. W. 46, Greenwood-road	0	2	0
Reynolds, W. Cazenove-road	0	5	0
Ricardo, Mrs. Warwick-road	0	5	0
Richards, Mrs. Upper Clapton	0	2	6
Richards, W. Upper Clapton	1	1	0
Richards, W. H. 176, Richmond-road	0	2	6
Ridge, H. Stamford Hill	1	1	0
Ridsdale, T. 29, Oakfield-road	0	5	0
Rippon, Miss, 23, Downs-road	0	10	6
Roberts, G. H. 74, London-road	0	2	6
Robinson, Rev. C. Rectory, West Hackney	1	0	0
Rolfe, T. 2, Portland-place	1	1	0
Rolls, Mrs. Upper Clapton	0	10	6
Rook, E. 16, Warwick-road	0	10	6
Rose, Mrs. 43, Cricketfield-road	0	2	6
Rose, M. 34, Pembury-road	1	1	0
Rose, W. Eleanor-house, 169, Richmond-road	0	10	0
Rowan, C. 6, Clapton-square	0	3	0
Bowe, T. E. Downs-park-road	0	5	0
Roxby, Mrs. Lea-bridge-road	0	5	0
Runtz, J. 9, Farleigh-road	0	2	6
Rust, C. F. Downs-park-road	0	5	0

Carried forward 225 0 0

	£	s.	d.
Brought forward	225	0	0
Rutherford, H. K. Upper Clapton	0	5	0
Rutherford, J. 11, King Edward-road	0	5	0
Ryder, T. 1, Oakfield-road	0	2	6
Satow, C. 76, Clapton Common	0	10	6
Savery, J. E. Stamford Hill	0	10	0
Scotney, B. 69, Clarence-road	0	10	0
Scott, Mrs. 50, Bodney-road	0	5	0
Scott, F. W. 59, Kenninghall-road	0	5	0
Scott, J. 185, Dalston-lane	0	10	0
Seares, E. Wickham-park	0	5	0
Sedgewick, Mrs. 50, Greenwood-road	0	2	6
Self, Mrs. 60, Farleigh-road	0	5	0
Sharp, F. G. 23, Shore-road	0	2	6
Sharp, W. F. 276, Dalston-lane	0	5	0
Sharpley, J. 6, Powell-road	0	2	6
Shaw, J. Mare-street	0	5	0
Shephard, J. 59, Downs-road	0	10	0
Shepherd, W. J. 64, Nightingale-road	0	5	0
Shilback, G. T. Springfield	0	10	0
Short, T. 22, Shore-road	0	5	0
Simmonds, Mrs. Devonshire-house, Mare-street	0	10	6
Simmons, P. 216, Richmond-road	0	10	0
Simpson, R. 13, Portland-place	1	1	0
Slim, J. Upper Clapton	0	10	0
Smart, S. 8, The Paragon	0	2	6
Smith, The Misses, 42, Kenninghall-road	0	5	0
Smith, Benjamin, 56, Farleigh-road	0	5	0
Smith, F. W. 39, The Terrace, Upper Clapton	0	5	0
Smith, Rev. 41, The Terrace, Upper Clapton	0	5	0
Smith, W. Amhurst Park	0	5	0
Smith, W. H. Amhurst Park	0	5	0
Smithers, C. G. 47, Darnley-road	0	10	0
Smythe, Keable, High-house, Grove-street	1	1	0
Snowdon, F. 300, Amhurst-road	0	2	6
Solomon, Mr. 107, Richmond-road	0	2	6
Solomon, Mrs. 43, Shore-road	0	2	6
Sothers, G. H. Amhurst-park	0	10	6
Soul, J. S. 3, Nightingale-road	0	5	0
Spence, T. B. 69, Downs-road	0	10	0
Spence, W. 57, Kenninghall-road	1	1	0
Spiller, W. Lower Clapton	2	2	0
Stalebrass, Mr. 48, King Edward-road	0	5	0
Stanbourough, A. 12, Glenarm-road	0	2	0
State, G. Lea-bridge-road	0	2	6
Stebbings, The Misses, 6, London-road	0	7	6
Stevens, Miss, Upper Clapton	0	10	0
Stevens, E. W. Upper Clapton	0	10	0
Stevenson, H. Laura-place	1	0	0
Stewart, J. F. Goulton-road	0	5	0
Still, Mrs. 31, Farleigh-road	0	5	0
Stirling, R. A. 190, Dalston-lane	0	10	0
Stone, Mrs. 35, Sandringham-road	0	10	0
Stone, T. 35, Cricketfield-road	0	5	0

Carried forward 245 18 6

	£	s.	d.
Brought forward	245	18	6
Sugars, J. 131, Richmond-road	0	10	0
Sutton, Miss, Upper Clapton	0	10	0
Swaine, J. 97, Amhurst-road	0	5	0
Sweepstone, W. H. 10, King Edward-road	0	10	0
Tafe, Mrs. 118, King Edward-road	0	2	6
Tate, Mrs. 4, Nightingale-road	0	5	0
Taverner, W. 6, St. Mark's-terrace	0	5	0
Taylor, H. 117, Richmond-road	0	10	0
Theobald, A. High-street, Kingsland	0	2	6
Thomas, E. T. 20, Sutton-place	0	5	0
Thomas, G. J. 411, Mare-street	0	2	6
Thomas, J. 13, The Terrace, Upper Clapton	0	10	0
Thompson, — 52, Cricketfield-road	0	2	6
Thompson, Mrs. 27, Navarino-road	0	2	6
Thompson, C. H. Lower Clapton	0	10	6
Thompson, H. T. 24, Nightingale-road	0	2	6
Thompson, J. W. 272, Richmond-road	0	5	0
Thompson, P. Shepherd's-lane, Homerton	0	5	0
Thornhill, E. 8, Queen's-downs-roads	0	5	0
Thornhill, H. Lower Clapton	1	1	0
Thornhill, R. S. Wickham-place	0	10	0
Thornton, Mrs. Grange-road	0	2	6
Thornton, E. O. Warwick-road	0	10	0
Thorp, Miss, 16, Navarino-road	0	2	6
Thyne, Mrs. 70, King Edward-road	0	2	0
Timothy, Mrs. 37, Pembury-road	0	10	0
Tims, T. H. 46, Farleigh-road	0	2	6
Tovell, Mrs. 1, Queen's-downs-road	0	2	6
Trickett, S. Springfield	1	0	0
Troup, J. Upper Clapton	1	0	0
Truby, Mrs. 327, Amhurst-road	0	2	6
Turner, J. E. 7, Farleigh-road	0	5	0
Turner, T. Upper Clapton	1	0	0
Turner, W. Upper Clapton	0	10	0
Turquain, T. J. 30, Kenninghall-road	0	2	6
Tyler, A. 80, Mare-street	0	5	0
Tymms, Rev. T. V. 10, Grange-road	0	10	0
Tyssen, Rev. R. D. The Rectory, South Hackney	1	1	0
Tyzack, S. 61, Amhurst-road	1	1	0
Underhill, S. Lower Clapton	1	1	0
Van Oppen, Mr. 21, Amhurst-road	0	5	0
Varley, G. C. Upper Clapton	0	2	6
Vellacott, W. Laura-place	0	5	0
Verry, Mrs. Grosvenor-house, Richmond-road	0	5	0
Vickress, Mrs. 55, Farleigh-road	0	1	0
Vinen, G. 120, Amhurst-road	0	5	0
Viney, Miss, Upper Clapton	0	5	0
Viney, J. 192, Amhurst-road	0	10	0
W. S.	0	2	6
Wafford, Miss, Chatham-place	0	10	0
Carried forward	265	1	0

	£	s.	d.
Brought forward	265	1	0
Walker, A. Stamford Hill		1	1 0
Walker, R. 3, Warwick-road		0	10 0
Wall, E. 82, Cricketfield-road		0	2 6
Walton, G. Dunlace-road		0	2 6
Wardon, H. 159, Richmond-road		0	5 0
Warren, G. A. 11, Downs-road		0	5 0
Watkins, E. G. 45, Greenwood-road		0	2 6
Watson, Mrs. 32, Clapton-square		0	2 6
Webb, Mrs. 69, Farleigh-road		0	2 6
Wells, G. F. 283, Amhurst-road		0	5 0
Welsh, Dr. 24, Kenninghall-road		0	5 0
Werne, — 86, Forest-road		0	5 0
Whight, Mrs. 7, Portland-place		0	2 6
Whitby, W. Jun. 102, Clarence-road		0	5 0
Whitby, W. C. The Eagles, Well-street		1	1 0
White, Mrs. 27, Colveston-crescent		0	2 6
White, W. H. 33, Glenarm-road		0	5 0
Whithead, Rev. J. 63, Cricketfield-road		0	5 0
Whitehouse, J. 376, Mare-street		0	10 6
Whitmarsh, Dr. 1, Clapton-square		0	10 6
Wilkins, J. 2, Powell-road		0	5 0
Williams, Miss, Stamford Hill		1	1 0
Williams, J. V. 19, Farleigh-road		0	5 0
Williams, T. 368, Mare-street		0	2 6
Williams, W. C. Lower Clapton		0	5 0
Williams, W. J. Dolwyddelam-villa		0	5 0
Williams, W. L. 35, King Edward-road		0	10 0
Wilmott, W. Stamford Hill		0	10 0
Wilson, F. 12, Nightingale-road		0	2 6
Winkley, Mrs. 363, Mare-street		0	10 0
Withers, E. Lower Clapton		0	10 0
Withey, W. 158, Amhurst-road		0	10 6
Wollacott, E. W. 3, Springfield		0	5 0
Wood, Mrs. 76, Elderfield-road		0	5 0
Wood, H. G. 131, Dalston-lane		0	5 0
Woollacott, T. G. 5, Maitland-place		0	5 0
Woolley, T. B. 4, Bayhall-villas		0	5 0
Woolven, W. Upper Clapton		0	5 0
Wortley, T. J. Church-road, Homerton		0	5 0
Wright, Mrs. 19, Pembury-road		0	5 0
Yelland, W. H. 47, Cricketfield-road		0	2 6
Young, M. 27, Downs-road		0	10 6
Zabbon, Julius Cæsar, 71, Victoria-park-road		0	2 6
Total	279	13	6

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October, 1878.

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WORK OF THE COUNCIL, 1877—78.

During the Session of the year 1877-8, 38 meetings of Council were held, with an average attendance of 49 members.

This is a considerably larger average than in former years; and when it is remembered that the Council is composed mainly of representatives from every part of London, and is a meeting place at which those who are familiar with the wants of the poor and are practically engaged in endeavouring to meet those wants can interchange opinions and experience, the utility of these meetings will be obvious. Questions of an immediate or permanent interest, the difficulties of which are well known, are frequently discussed: how to aid the poor to obtain employment; how to deal satisfactorily with cases of chronic infirmity; loans; the Army Reserves, and so forth. And the Council in which there is a frequent change of representatives and a consequent introduction of new members, affords a means for the continuous consideration and discussion of subjects which cannot be settled off hand by any approved method or theory of organisation, but which require the knowledge, co-operation, and energy of each successive generation of workers.

During the earlier part of the session two subjects, which are rather private to the Society than of general interest, were discussed at considerable length. The Administrative Committee of the Council was placed on an entirely new footing. New arrangements were also made for the conduct of business in the office of the Council.

VAGRANCY.

During the winter of 1877-8, there was throughout the country a great increase in vagrancy. It appeared that in London the information that bread was given at the offices of the Committees had spread, and some of the offices were in consequence beset, generally towards midday, by large numbers of vagrants and wayfarers. The responsibility of dealing with cases of sudden and urgent necessity rested mainly upon the local Poor Law authorities; but by the rules of the Society their agents had been authorised, in cases of absolute hunger, to give bread to be eaten upon the spot. It was evident, however, that in the application of this rule great discretion was necessary on the part of the agents. A circular accordingly was issued, pointing out that the rule applied to cases of extreme urgency only; but that in all exceptional homeless cases, which did not appear suitable for reference to a Relieving Officer, the agents were to use their discretion in giving whatever immediate assistance might be required, with a view to the more complete treatment of the case afterwards. By the liberality of a member of the Society, special arrangements have been made at the Newport Market Refuge for the reception of these cases.

ASSISTANCE BY WAY OF LOANS.

A Sub-Committee, which reported on the subject of loans made by District Committees, made the following returns:—

Total amount lent during two years ending September, 30, 1877	3,694	3	11
Of this there had been repaid	2,936	12	5
Loans outstanding and deemed recoverable, though including			
doubtful debts	613	0	7
Written off as bad debts	144	10	11

CHRONIC AND PENSION CASES.

The Society by its present rules does not undertake chronic cases. Hitherto indeed it has been considered that they should be dealt with by private persons or by the existing pension societies. The change, however, of public opinion on the subject of the administration of outdoor relief, the endeavour to mark more clearly the division between cases suitable for the Poor Law and those suitable for charity, the apparent inability of the existing institutions to deal effectively with pension cases, the necessity of some provision for cases which fitted into none of the categories framed by the institutions or could not wait for admission, led to suggestions being made to alter the rule now in force and to undertake to assist suitable chronic cases, under certain conditions, either by the co-operation of individuals whose contributions would be organised for one or more special cases, or by the establishment of pension funds, or eventually by the application of charitable endowments. On the other hand, it was thought that such proposals would largely increase the responsibilities of the Society, while the District Committees, by the many methods to which they resorted for dealing effectively with these cases, were learning what the solution of the difficulty might be. No change therefore was made.

ADEQUATE RELIEF.

Cognate to this question is that of adequate temporary relief. The difficulty of obtaining such relief was, it was urged, very great. There were, from time to time, cases of an exceptional nature in which a sum of money was required quite out of proportion to the relief obtainable, under ordinary circumstances, by the means and influence of a local Committee or by reference to any of the Metropolitan Relief Societies. To meet this want, it was arranged that a book containing the names of those willing to give liberal charitable assistance should be kept at the offices of the Council; and several persons, on seeing a notice on the subject in the *Charity Organisation Reporter* and in the Annual Report of the Council, have consented to relieve these cases on reference. This, together with the insertion of appeals in the *Reporter*, has enabled the Council to obtain sufficient aid for all exceptional cases considered suitable by the administrative Committee.

THE ARMY RESERVES.

When the Reserves were called out, it became a question whether any special efforts should be made to meet the distress which, it was stated, existed among their wives and families. No conclusive evidence as to the inadequacy of the remuneration received by the Reserve men was forthcoming, and it was felt that, if cases of distress arose, they could be thoroughly dealt with by the means already afforded to the public by the Society. It was considered also that, if the remuneration were in fact inadequate, it was better that the Government should increase it than that inducements should be created for making independent persons applicants for charity.

PROVIDENT DISPENSARIES ETC.

Other subjects, such as the relation of organisation to relief in the Society, the better treatment of School Board cases, co-operation with the Guardians, the Education of the Blind, have been carefully considered by the Council or its standing Committees. More especially on the development of the Provident Dispensary system has much labour been expended; and it is believed, that steps have been taken which will eventually lead to the substitution of some form of assurance against ordinary sickness for the present indiscriminate out-patient medical relief.

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ORGANISING CHARITABLE RELIEF
AND
REPRESSING MENDICITY.

St. GILES' and St. GEORGE'S (Bloomsbury)
COMMITTEE.

NINTH ANNUAL REPORT
1877-8.

*The object of this Society is TO DIRECT
CHARITABLE RELIEF TO DESERVING CASES
OF DISTRESS, and TO CHECK IMPOSITION.*

The Committee asks your co-operation in the following manner:—

1. Abstain entirely from giving alms to beggars in the streets, or to persons begging under pretence of selling small articles; indiscriminate relief being one of the main incentives to Pauperism and Vagrancy.
2. If applied to for alms, offer the applicant one of the Society's Tickets, a supply of which can be obtained gratis at this Office; or send his name and address to the Committee.
3. Should anyone apply for relief at your house, either by letter or in person, forward the letter or refer the case to this Office, where it will be investigated and a report sent to you, if requested.

Every case referred to this Office will be inquired into, free of expense, and, for those in London, if found deserving, no pains will be spared to obtain the necessary assistance.

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OBJECTS.

The Objects of the Society for organising Charitable Relief and Repressing Mendicity may be stated in the following terms :—

I.—To bring into harmonious co-operation with each other and with the Poor-law authorities the various charitable agencies and individuals in the district, and thus effectually to check the evils of “overlapping” relief caused by simultaneous but independent action.

II.—To investigate thoroughly the cases of all applicants for charitable relief, whether they are referred to the offices for inquiry and report, or whether they apply of their own accord.

III.—To place gratuitously at the disposal of all charitable agencies and private persons the investigating machinery of the Committees of the Society, and to send to persons having a legitimate interest in cases, full reports of the result of the investigations made.

IV.—To obtain from the proper charities, or from charitable individuals, suitable and adequate relief for deserving cases.

V.—To assist from its own funds, and as far as possible in the form of loans, all suitable cases for which adequate relief cannot be obtained from other sources.

VI.—To repress mendicity by the above means, by the gratuitous distribution of Investigation Tickets, and by the prosecution of impostors.

VII.—To afford to the public at large information regarding the objects and mode of working of existing charities.

VIII.—To promote, as far as possible, the general welfare of the poor by means of social and sanitary reforms, and by the inculcation of habits of providence and self-dependence.

WORK OF THE COUNCIL, 1877—8.

During the Session of the year 1877-8, 38 meetings of Council were held, with an average attendance of 49 members.

This is a considerably larger average than in former years; and when it is remembered that the Council is composed mainly of representatives from every part of London, and is a meeting place at which those who are familiar with the wants of the poor and are practically engaged in endeavouring to meet those wants can interchange opinions and experience, the utility of these meetings will be obvious. Questions of an immediate or permanent interest, the difficulties of which are well known, are frequently discussed: how to aid the poor to obtain employment; how to deal satisfactorily with cases of chronic infirmity; loans; the Army Reserves, and so forth. And the Council, in which there is a frequent change of representatives and a consequent introduction of new members, affords a means for the continuous consideration and discussion of subjects which cannot be settled off-hand by any approved method or theory of organisation, but which require the knowledge, co-operation, and energy of each successive generation of workers.

During the earlier part of the session two subjects, which are rather private to the Society than of general interest, were discussed at considerable length. The Administrative Committee of the Council was placed on an entirely new footing. New arrangements were also made for the conduct of business in the office of the Council.

Vagrancy.

During the winter of 1877-8 there was throughout the country a great increase in vagrancy. It appeared that in London the information that bread was given at the offices of the Committees had spread, and some of the offices were in consequence beset, generally towards midday, by large numbers of vagrants and wayfarers. The responsibility of dealing with cases of sudden and urgent necessity rested mainly upon the local Poor Law authorities; but by the rules of the Society their agents had been authorised, in cases of absolute hunger, to give bread to be eaten upon the spot. It was evident, however, that in the application of this rule great discretion was necessary on the part of the agents. A circular accordingly was issued, pointing out that the rule applied to cases of extreme urgency only; but that in all exceptional homeless cases, which did not appear suitable for reference to a Relieving Officer, the agents were to use their discretion in giving whatever immediate assistance might be required, with a view to the more complete treatment of the case afterwards. By the liber-

ality of a member of the Society, special arrangements have been made at the Newport Market Refuge for the reception of these cases.

A Sub-Committee, which reported on the subject of loans made by District Committees, made the following returns :—

		Loans.		
Total amount lent during two years ending		£	s.	d.
September 30, 1877.		3,694	8	11
Of this there had been repaid		2,986	12	5
Loans outstanding and deemed recoverable,				
though including doubtful debts		613	0	7
Written off as bad debts		144	10	11

The Society by its present rules does not undertake chronic cases. Hitherto indeed it has been considered that they should be dealt with by private persons or by the existing pension societies. The change, however, of public opinion on the subject of the administration of outdoor relief, the endeavour to mark more clearly the division between cases suitable for the Poor Law and those suitable for charity, the apparent inability of the existing institutions to deal effectively with pension cases, the necessity of some provision for cases which fitted into none of the categories framed by the institutions or could not wait for admission, led to suggestions being made to alter the rule now in force and to undertake to assist suitable chronic cases, under certain conditions, either by the co-operation of individuals whose contributions would be organised for one or more special cases, or by the establishment of pension funds, or eventually by the application of charitable endowments. On the other hand, it was thought that such proposals would largely increase the responsibilities of the Society, while the District Committees, by the many methods to which they resorted for dealing effectively with these cases, were learning what the solution of the difficulty might be. No change therefore was made.

Pension
Cases.

Cognate to this question is that of adequate temporary relief. The difficulty of obtaining such relief was, it was urged, very great. There were, from time to time, cases of an exceptional nature in which a sum of money was required quite out of proportion to the relief obtainable, under ordinary circumstances, by the means and influence of a local Committee or by reference to any of the Metropolitan Relief Societies. To meet this want, it was arranged that a book containing the names of those willing to give liberal charitable assistance should be kept at the offices of the Council; and several persons, on seeing a notice on the subject in the *Charity Organisation Reporter* and in the Annual Report of the Council, have consented to relieve

Adequate
Relief.

these cases on reference. This, together with the insertion of appeals in the *Reporter*, has enabled the Council to obtain sufficient aid for all exceptional cases considered suitable by the Administrative Committee.

The Army
Reserves.

When the Reserves were called out, it became a question whether any special efforts should be made to meet the distress which, it was stated, existed among their wives and families. No conclusive evidence as to the inadequacy of the remuneration received by the Reserve men was forthcoming, and it was felt that, if cases of distress arose, they could be thoroughly dealt with by the means already afforded to the public by the Society. It was considered also that, if the remuneration were in fact inadequate, it was better that the Government should increase it than that inducements should be created for making independent persons applicants for charity.

Provident
Dispensar-
ies, etc.

Other subjects, such as the relation of organisation to relief in the Society, the better treatment of School Board cases, co-operation with the Guardians, the Education of the Blind, have been carefully considered by the Council or its standing Committees. More especially on the development of the Provident Dispensary system has much labour been expended; and it is believed, that steps have been taken which will eventually lead to the substitution of some form of assurance against ordinary sickness for the present indiscriminate out-patient medical relief.

ST. GILES' DISTRICT.

Area embracing St. George's, Bloomsbury, contains 245 acres, with a population (according to the census of 1871) of 53,429, i.e., 219 persons to the acre.

Marriages in 1877 :—

By Established Church	...	...	277
„ Roman Catholic Church	...	...	47
„ Registrar	...	...	39
„ Other Chapels	...	...	28

Births in 1877, 1,511. Deaths, 1,196.

The Marriage rate per thousand equals	...	14·63
„ Birth „ „ „ „	...	28·28
„ Death „ „ „ „	...	22·38

This last is below the decennial average by 2·46 per thousand.

POLICE RETURN.

During the year 1877, Beggars apprehended by the E. Division amounted to 143, of whom 43 were discharged.

R E P O R T .

THE work of this Committee during the year which expired on the 30th September last, has given but partial satisfaction to those who give their time and interest to the work of the Society in this district.

The diminution of cases dealt with is what the Committee regrets the least, being chiefly caused by the Ormond Street Children's Hospital discontinuing to enquire into the rate of wages of applicants for its charity; while a further reduction of about fifty may be fairly accounted for by the general decrease of pauperism as evidenced by the Poor Law Returns; but the Committee still need extended co-operation with the relief agencies of the district, although it cannot be alledged that it has been remiss in its efforts to obtain the presence, at its meetings, of such persons who might be expected to co-operate with it. The Committee, however, is glad to report that during the year, owing perhaps to the personal exertions of its members, there has been some increase of local subscriptions; but as the balance sheet shows, not sufficient to make the Committee entirely clear of debt; in fact, difficulty has frequently been found in procuring funds at short notice in cases needing help. The Committee therefore earnestly desires permission to recommend cases from time to time for the consideration of individual benefactors, and is prepared to receive monies to be expended for the relief of distress only. With any such persons willing to help individual cases, the practise of the Committee is, either to refer the applicant for relief direct to the donor of charity, or, if this course be preferred, to administer relief on behalf of the latter, sending full reports of what has been done, or is proposed to be done in the case. By this means the Committee will more completely fulfil the aim of the Society which is to be an instrument in the hands of the benevolent, not to be themselves the almsgivers. The Committee also in particular wish to call attention to the matter of finance, as an estimate of the probable calls on its funds for the coming year threatens a very serious deficit if distress is to be adequately relieved.

The Committee having in previous reports dealt with certain aspects of their work and its requirements—such as the need of enquiry and the expenses consequent thereon, would take this present opportunity to lay before its subscribers, and the people of the district, the principles on which relief is by it procured or distributed. It is probably by this time well known that the Society does not profess to give relief itself, at the

same time it undertakes to bring adequate relief to cases eligible according to certain principles.

The general principles which guide this Committee in granting relief are many, but some of them are as follows, (individual cases of course materially vary their application).

1.—“Charity must not do the work of the Poor Law, but recognising the injurious influences of the Union it should take any step which will permanently remove any person from such influences.” Under this head would come cases of wife desertion. Charity has no means of compelling a husband to support his wife—while the Poor Law has a power for that purpose, on the wife applying for Parish Relief. The danger of charity helping these cases (especially when the desertion is recent) can be shown beyond controversy did space permit.

2.—“Charity must not act so as to encourage the neglect of family duties.” As bearing on this principle, the result of the diminution of out-door relief in the Metropolitan District is too striking to be ignored. Since January 1874, we find the number in receipt of such relief has been reduced from 68,850 to 42,570, last January, while in the same period the in-door-paupers have increased only 3,506, leaving a nett decrease of out-door paupers of 22,974, (in six years ending January 1877, the reduction throughout England was 845,908) and this has not resulted in any noticeable increase of distress among the poor. Do not these facts, therefore, point to the conclusion that the limitation of out-relief has really caused the more careful observance of family duties, greater readiness to seek employment and to support relations.

3.—A third principle is that “Charity should not aid distress caused by inability to meet the ordinary contingencies of life.” These contingencies should alone be met by the industry and thrift to be developed by the individual and collective effort. With reference to this principle, the Society is strongly advocating the establishment of Provident Dispensaries, by which a working man can, for about £1 per annum, insure Medical attendance to his family in the “ordinary contingency” of sickness. The want of such a Dispensary in the District is largely felt, though, owing to the all-pervading influence of free medical relief, such a Dispensary has, at present, little chance of success. Again, in supplementing by charity the low wages of a workman, you keep his wages low and keep alive the evil of the old Poor Law, when the farmers were wont to refuse employment to men not receiving Parish Relief.

By these principles, many are necessarily excluded from receiving the Society’s aid. Nevertheless, the value of this negative phrase of the Society’s work in stimulating the classes af-

fectcd, to greater exertions and teaching them self-help must not be lost sight of; also while doing this it instructs those who having hearts to give and money to spend, are yet ignorant how they may best further the true interests of the class who need their assistance. For the positive phrase of this Society's work, always finds scope for the expenditure of more ample funds than it can at present command. To succour the widow and to give to those who are handicapped by circumstances, not of their creating, a fresh start in life, to give chances to those who may have fallen by the way, are some of the positive aims that this Society seeks to attain by the personal exertions of its thirty-eight Committees. Beside these aims there is much need of money for schemes of general improvement which tend to raise the class and not merely the individual.*

But to return to the particular work of this district, the Committee has persuaded some ladies to join it in its labours. This step has already in its first year of operation been of much use to the Committee by enabling it to avail itself of knowledge and services not to be found in a Committee of gentlemen only. The continual difficulty of finding work for deserving persons in the minor employments has, in, some measure, been met by the assistance of these ladies, and also by the placing in the window the names of applicants whose characters the Committee can recommend. The Committee feel that it is only by the co-operation of those householders who from time to time need such servants that it can hope for much success in this branch of its work. It therefore desires to make it generally known that it has continually on its books, persons whose characters qualify them to be employed in charring, needle-work and light portorage.

The Committee has referred three cases to the notice of the Sanitary Officer during the past year. From his report it appears that a considerable area of the St. Giles' district will come under the provisions of the Artizans Dwelling Acts. A representation affecting 492 holdings, and 1,598 occupants besides five registered Lodging Houses with 241 occupants, has been confirmed by the Home Secretary, and under the powers conferred by it, the buildings in question will shortly be demolished. This area includes some of the worst places in the district. Seven houses in Tower Street, have also been pulled down under a like authority.

The Committee notice with pleasure the completion of the planting of St. Giles' Churchyard—any scheme which would

* For practical illustration of the Society's principles, see "Thoughts and Experiences" of a Charity Organisationist, by J. Hornsby Wright. Price, 3/6. William Hunt & Co.

make it a successful rival of the "public house" especially on summer evenings, would seem to be worthy of the attention of the inhabitants of the district. With similar views the Committee welcomes the establishment of a Workman's Club in Betterton Street.*

During the year the Committee has met on thirty-eight Wednesdays at which there were 197 attendances, the Inquiry Committee also met on as many Mondays. The correspondence conducted by the Hon. Secretaries and Members of the Committee amounted to about 450 letters, they have also by visits to the houses of the applicants and by interviews with them at the office, kept themselves in continual contact with those who have sought their help.

The office hours of the Committee are 10—12 and 5—6 each day except Saturday, when the office closes at 12. Some member of the Committee is generally present each day at 11, except during the vacation.

Subscriptions and Donations should be paid to the Hon. Treasurer or Hon. Secretaries. The Agent is authorized to give printed Interim receipts.

The Committee invite the attention of their subscribers to the Charity Organisation Reporter containing as it does information on philanthropic subjects in addition to the ordinary proceedings of the Society. (See *Advt., post.*)

SPECIMEN CASES.

CLASS I. DISMISSED.

NOT REQUIRING RELIEF.

8224. Case sent by the School Board. Man a Plumber, wife and three children. Wife asked for boots for one of their children, stating her husband had been out of work six weeks. Enquiry showed that he had been in constant work, earning about 80s. a week, that he had only been out of work three days, and his employer got him another situation at a higher rate of wages, and that he did not require relief.

UNDESERVING.

8109. Man a Painter, &c., wife and five children. When at work, the man could earn £2 per week, been out of work seven

* Funds for this object being still wanted, Mr. W. F. LAWRENCE, will be glad to receive any contribution towards them.

weeks. They were found living in a dirty loft, the only light coming through a hole in the roof, there being no windows, no fireplace or chimney; they had a fire in an old coal scuttle. Enquiry showed that the man, though a very good workman, had long been a drunkard, and spent his earnings in drink. "The case was therefore dismissed as undeserving," and reported to the Sanitary Authorities, who condemned the place as unfit for habitation and compelled them to leave it.

8174. Widow of an officer in the army, having applied to a clergyman in the district, was referred to this office. Inquiry showed that she had been a very successful begging letter writer, and had obtained assistance from all ranks, up to Her Majesty the Queen, and was a great drunkard. She was already known to other branches of this Society, and to clergymen and others in Liverpool, as an undeserving person.

INELIGIBLE, OR CASES FOR POOR-LAW.

8191. Widow aged 70, in advanced stage of consumption, and for past ten or twelve years, been unable to work and depending on the benevolence of others. She was found in a miserable condition and it was thought she would be much better off in the Workhouse Infirmary.

8223. Woman with two children. Husband formerly Secretary to a Benefit Society, defaulted in his accounts, absconded, and deserted his wife, who at time of application, was quite without means of living and unable to work. Case dismissed. Woman was advised to go to the "House," when the Guardians would endeavour to find her husband and compel him to support her.

8179. Widow with five children. Formerly a laundress, recently a hop-picker but at time of application, selling flowers in the streets. Antecedents not attainable. They were living in a wretched room, and earning about 6s. a week. There appearing no means of permanently benefiting them, the Committee dismissed their case as one for Poor Law.

CLASS II.

RECOMMENDED TO INSTITUTIONS OR LOCAL AGENCY.

8190. Widow with four children. Out of employment five weeks through slackness, and since done charring, but at time of application, had a bad leg and unable to work. Eldest boy aged thirteen, just gone to work, earning 5/6 per week. Committee obtained some needlework for her, gave an allowance of 7/6 per week for three weeks, and succeeded in placing one of her children in a home. She has returned to her former situation, and is doing well.

8177. Woman deserted by her husband, who was believed to be abroad. Formerly in fair position, but since desertion, she had worked as servant. Out of work and no means of living, she was sent to Newport Market Refuge pending enquiries. While the case was in hand she obtained a situation at £16 a year. Committee redeemed and bought necessary clothing, out of funds provided by Rector of St. Giles. She has since been seen and is doing well.

PRIVATE PERSONS.

8102. Man aged 72, formerly a Currier and Leather-dresser, but failed in business, and since done bookkeeping for tradesmen, but now thoroughly broken down in health. At time of application, was a candidate for a pension from the Leather-dressers Society, but would have to wait three months before the election, and was without means of living. It was ascertained that he had been promised sufficient votes to secure his election, and the Committee by assistance of friends, obtained an allowance of 7/- per week till the election. He is now receiving £20 a year from the Leather-dressers' Society.

8132. Case sent by School Board. Man a Cabman, with two young children—wife dead—living with and supporting his parents, but for three months had been ill with rheumatic fever, and at time of application was in Hospital. During enquiries, he had left the Hospital and it was ascertained that it would be three weeks before he was able to work, and as he had a good character, the Committee granted 10/- a week for three weeks, from Mr. PEEK's fund.

CLASS III. ASSISTED.

BY GIFTS.

8157. Man with wife and two children. Man a Carver and Gilder, out of work eleven weeks, and obtained promise of work at Weymouth, but wanted his railway fare paid. Character good. Committee paid his fare to Weymouth.

8198. Man a Potman. Wife a charwoman, with a child nine days old, man ill with rheumatism, unable to work; they had good character, and the man's employer was keeping his situation open till he was better. Committee made an allowance till he returned to his work,

BY LOANS.

1189. Man a Blacksmith—met with an accident to eye, and been in Hospital. Recovered and able to work, but had no money to carry out orders on hand. Committee granted loan of £2 which has been repaid.

8125. Man a Hawker, recently done very badly through stock being low. Had a wife and four children, and had lived at present address eleven years, and bore an excellent character. Committee granted loan of £1, which is being repaid regularly.

BY HOSPITAL LETTER.

8218. Man a Cigar-maker—when in full work earned from 20/- to 25/- per week, but had been ailing for past four years, and for two months had been unable to work. Had been over 10 years in one situation, and bore an excellent character; was not known to Relieving Officer, and belonged to a benefit society, and receiving 10/- per week, from same which had to support himself and wife. Committee gave him an In-patient letter to North London Consumptive Hospital, where he was admitted. The day after leaving the Hospital, the man came, stating that he had received great benefit, and thanked the Committee for the letter.

REPORT SENT.

Information was requested as to propriety of relieving A.B., recommended by a doctor in a letter to a well known donor of charity. Hon. Sec. called and ascertained A.B. was receiving £60 per annum from a Jews' Relief Fund. She was a widow, and her daughters kept a small school, clearing about £50 per annum; one of them had also recently received £20 a year for reading to the sick in hospitals. The doctor had no definite object on which to spend the money he had received, but thought it would come as an agreeable surprise to his clients—old patients of his—one of whom was paralyzed.

CASES FROM OCTOBER 1st, 1877, to SEPTEMBER 30th, 1878.

New Cases	...	...	...	...	210
Old ditto	...	...	...	...	64
			Total	...	274
Relieved by Gifts	...	...	...	...	54
" " Loans	...	...	...	...	19
" " Employment	...	...	...	...	1
" " Hospital Letters	...	...	...	...	22
Recommended to Guardians	...	...	...	...	3
" " Institutions	...	...	...	...	22
" " Private Persons	...	...	...	...	49
Dismissed as not requiring relief	...	...	...	...	15
" " Undeserving	...	...	...	...	23
" " Cases for Poor Law, or otherwise ineligible	...	...	...	...	66
					274
Inquiries for other Committees	...	...	...	...	204
Reports sent out	...	...	...	...	176

SCHEDULE OF LOANS

No.	Occupation	Children depending	Loan	
3103...	Laundress	M	£2 0	0 to purchase a mangle
3104...	Tobacconist	M	2 ... 5 0	0 for stock
2171...	Hawker	M	5 ... 1 0	0 for stock
3129...	Dressmaker	W	1 ... 2 0	0 to redeem clothing
*3138...	Labourer	M	2 ... 2 0	0 for necessaries in
3026...	Bootmaker	M	2 ... 1 0	0 for surgical instru-
1189...	Blacksmith	M	2 ... 2 0	0 for stock [ment
2958...	Carman	M	5 ... 0 10	0 for clothing
3147...	Embroiderer	S .....	... 3 0	0 to pay taxes
3153...	Hawker	M .....	... 1 0	0 for stock
2120...	Poulterer	M	5 ... 2 0	0 for necessaries in wife's confinement
852...	Hawker	M .....	... 1 0	0 for stock
*3188...	Wardrobe Dealer	W .....	... 1 0	0 for stock
3207...	Hawker	W .....	... 0 10	0 for stock
945...	Blacksmith	M .....	... 1 0	0 for clothing
3215...	Hawker	M	4 ... 1 0	0 for stock
3217...	Envelope Folder	W	3 ... 1 0	0 to redeem clothing
3239...	French Polisher	M	4 ... 1 10	0 for stock
*3240...	Hawker	M	6 ... 1 0	0 for stock
3255...	Bible-woman	W .....	... 0 10	0 for expenses at con- vallescent home

* These were offered but not taken up. * (M) Married. (W) Widow or Widower.

EMPLOYMENT OF APPLICANTS.

Accountant	...	1	Coach	Lace Weaver	1	General Dealer	...	1	
Acrobat	...	...	1	Carver and Gilders	3	Gold Embroiderer	...	1	
Actress	...	...	1	Confectioners	...	3	Glass Grinder	...	1
Artfl. Flower Maker	...	...	1	Coach Wheeler	...	1	Glass Engraver	...	1
Author	...	...	1	Cigar Maker	...	1	Gas Fitter	...	1
Boot Makers	...	5	Carpenter	...	1	Groom	...	...	1
Boot Repairers	...	12	Compositor	...	1	Horsekeeper	...	...	1
Boot Salesman	...	1	Chemist	...	...	1	Hawkers	...	25
Blacksmiths	...	3	Coachman	...	1	Hairdressers	...	...	2
Black Lead Worker	...	1	Cabinet Maker	...	1	Hammerman	...	...	1
Brass Finishers	...	2	Dressmakers	...	5	Hatter	...	...	1
Butlers	...	...	2	Draper	...	1	Jewellers' Polishers	...	2
Bible Woman	...	...	1	Drapers' Assistants	2	Labourers	...	...	27
Cellarmen	...	2	Ditto Figure Maker	...	1	Leather Dressers	...	...	2
Commission Agents	...	2	Elastic Maker	...	1	Letter Sorter	...	...	1
Cabmen	...	...	4	Envelope Folders	2	Mattress Maker	...	...	1
Charwomen	...	10	Engineers...	...	2	No occupation	...	...	22
Crossing Sweeper	...	1	Embroidery Designer	1	Needlewomen	...	...	...	5
Clerks	...	...	4	French Polishers	2	Officers, Military...	...	...	5
Coffee Stall Keeper	...	...	1	Farrier	...	1	Porters	...	22
Cooks	...	...	5	Gilders	...	2	Painters	...	7
Carmen	...	...	2	Gold Beater	...	1	Poulterers	...	2

Pedlar 1	Schoolmasters ... 2	Tin Plate Worker 1
Printers 5	Shopkeeper ... 1	Tutor 1
PictureFrameMakers 2	Tailors 4	Ticket Writer ... 1
Rag Sorter ... 1	Tailoresses ... 9	Wire Workers ... 2
Scene Shifters ... 2	TeacherofLanguages 1	Wardrobe Dealer 1
Servants 6	Timekeeper ... 1	Waiters 2
Street Singer ... 1		

N.B.—Of these, twenty-eight belonged to Benefit Societies. 220 belonged to the Church of England, 43 to that of Rome. 11 to other creeds.

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NAME.	WHERE HELD.
District Visiting Society	ST. GILES' CHURCH. Rev. Canon Nisbet, M.A.
Lying-in Charity	
Coal Club	
Savings Bank	
Soup and Invalid Kitchen	In winter, at Schools, Endell Street,
Needlework Society	
District Visiting Society... ..	HOLY TRINITY CHURCH. Rev. G. H. Stanton, M.A.
Blanket Loan	
Penny Bank	
Coal Club	
Dorcas Society	MISSION CHURCH, 14, Duke Street, Lincoln's Inn.
District Visiting Society	
Savings' Bank	
Library for Working Men	
Coal Club	

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Working Men's Club	ST. PATRICK'S, Sutton Street, Rev. Thomas Barge.
Savings Bank	
Temperance Society	
Society of St. Vincent de Paul	
Female Orphanage	
Mothers' Meeting	

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Relief Society	CHAPEL, Little Wild Street.	Mr. G. Hatton.
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NAME.	WHERE HELD.
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Soup Kitchen	St. GEORGE'S, Rev. F. F. Goe, Rector.
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M. P., per Reginald Smith, Esq.							1	0	0
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Poland, Literary Friends of...							0	15	0
Polidori, Miss ...	1	1	0				0	15	0
Carried over ...	82	13	0	31	1	0	31	2	3

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	£125	15	0	£33	1	0	£129	9	9

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RECEIVED.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Balances on Sept. 30th, 1877—							
At Bank		8	19	3			
In hand		3	16	10	12	16	1
To Annual Subscriptions		125	15	0			
" Donations		33	1	0	158	16	0
To Contributions for Special Cases ..		112	18	0			
" Ditto for School Board Cases ..		16	11	9			
" Repayment of Loans		28	13	0			
" County Court Expenses recovered ..		0	9	0			
" Returned Relief		0	12	0	159	3	9

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PAID.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By Rent for Four Quarters, Rates and Taxes		82	10	0			
" Fuel and Light		0	16	0			
" Salaries		78	0	0			
" Collector's Poundage		0	3	0			
" Stationery and Office Books		1	17	5			
" Printing		6	5	6			
" Postage		5	11	0			
" Incidental Expenses		1	9	2½			
" Newspapers		0	5	1			
" County Court Expenses		0	9	0			
" Cleaning		6	10	0			
" Aid by Loans		25	0	0	133	16	2½
" " Contributions to Special Cases		84	14	3½			
" " Ditto to School Board Cases		16	6	6			
" " Grants		49	11	4½			
" " in Kind		10	4	0			
By Balances, Sept. 30th, 1878—					185	16	2
At Bank		10	14	6			
In hand		0	8	11½	11	3	5½

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I.—To bring into harmonious co-operation with each other and with the Poor-law authorities the various charitable agencies and individuals in the district, and thus effectually to check the evils of “overlapping” relief caused by simultaneous but independent action.

II.—To investigate thoroughly the cases of all applicants for charitable relief, whether they are referred to the offices for inquiry and report, or whether they apply of their own accord.

III.—To place gratuitously at the disposal of all charitable agencies and private persons the investigating machinery of the Committees of the Society, and to send, to persons having a legitimate interest in cases, full reports of the result of the investigations made.

IV.—To obtain from the proper charities, or from charitable individuals, suitable and adequate relief for deserving cases.

V.—To assist from its own funds, and as far as possible in the form of loans, all suitable cases for which adequate assistance cannot be obtained from other sources.

VI.—To repress mendicity by the above means, by the gratuitous distribution of Investigation Tickets, and by the prosecution of impostors.

VII.—To afford to the public at large information regarding the objects and mode of working of existing charities.

VIII.—To promote as far as possible, the general welfare of the poor by means of social and sanitary reforms, and by the inculcation of habits of providence and self-dependence.

R E P O R T.

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THE Strand District Committee of the Charity Organisation Society, in publishing their Annual Report, desire to give their subscribers and the public such an account of their operations in the past year as shall not only justify the support hitherto accorded, and still urgently needed, but may contain in itself some of the seeds of education in practical charity, and show some substantial ground of claim to a local share of the growing appreciation and popularity of the Society as a national institution.

It may, in a few words, be stated that the guiding principle and excuse for the existence of the Society, and its branches, of which the Strand Branch, owing to the extent and poverty of its district, is one of the most important, is the affording, directly or indirectly, of PERMANENT RELIEF, and the discouragement of haphazard and spasmodic efforts of purely temporary assistance, which ultimately leave the assisted poorer and more powerless than before.

It may be charged against this Committee that, if such be its chief object, its returns, at least, show a large proportion of cases not relieved at all, and, by its own admission, a great portion of its funds is spent in the machinery of investigation.

This negative function is yet fully consistent with the affirmative principle of Permanent Relief; for in hopeless, chronic, or undeserving cases the alternative of State Relief, provided by the Poor Law, or the stimulus to exertion afforded by its dread, is, in the opinion of this Committee, the best, or only possible, approach to Permanent Relief; while, if the funds subscribed to this Society were devoted to doling out alms—thus overlapping or supplementing Parochial provision—there would, be little left in hand for the Permanent Relief, and the setting up in life, of unfortunate yet promising cases.

That the searching investigation of all appeals, and, when obviously just, the REFUSAL OF RELIEF, must form a chief duty of any society having for its object the relief of poverty, and that such a difficult and elaborate kind of work should, in spite of the voluntary efforts of individual members of the Committee, be a principal source of expense, will surprise no one who has been called upon to weigh conflicting evidence in a business-like manner.

The following are a few illustrations of cases dealt with by the Committee during the past year.

(1807) A. B., a ticket-of-leave man, who stated he had learnt the trade of a mason while a convict at Portsmouth, obtained work at the New Law Courts, but was found incompetent. He then applied to this Committee to assist him in going to sea. His statements having been verified by investigation, a grant of 30s. was made by this Committee to the Discharged Prisoners' Aid Society, which, together with 30s. given by that Society, purchased an outfit for the applicant, and he was sent to sea, and is reported by the Discharged Prisoners' Aid Society to be doing well.

(1764) C. D., a painter, with a wife and six children, was referred by the London School Board to this Committee by reason of his children being so scantily clothed as to be unable to attend school. Enquiry made of the Lewisham Committee of this Society (applicant having previously lived at Lewisham) showed that even when the applicant had been in receipt of full wages his home was filthy, and the children in a disgraceful condition, and that he and his wife were notorious charity-mongers. He had been assisted by a loan from the Lewisham Committee to redeem from pawn the tools of his trade and procured a job, but had quarrelled with his master and left his surety, another painter, liable for the loan.

This case was dismissed by this Committee as undeserving.

(1872) E. F., a widow, aged 37, with four children, three boys, aged respectively 19, 15, and 11, and a girl aged 5, and whose precarious occupation had been charring, applied to this Committee for a situation as hospital nurse for herself, and to get her little daughter placed in a home. Two of her sons were supporting themselves, one as a cigar-maker, and the other as a warehouse boy; the other boy was at home, and was taken care of by the

two elder boys. The Committee, finding the woman smart, energetic and ambitious of improvement, made arrangements to board out the little girl with the sister-in-law of the applicant at 5s. a week, and the latter having by reference to the Central Labour Agency, secured entrance to the Royal Free Hospital, as a probationary, has now obtained her qualification as nurse, and is receiving a salary commencing at £14 10s. a year, and to be increased, and will shortly be able to support her child herself.

(1856) G. H., a labourer with wife and four children, was referred to this Committee by the School Board Authorities in consequence of the children being so ragged as to be unable to attend school. The man, owing to ill-health, had been out of employment for nine months, and was at this time in hospital with a bad throat. The Committee, having by investigation found the applicant to bear a good character, caused all four children to be decently clothed, and they afterwards regularly attended school, while the mother, relieved of distress, applied her earnings of 10s. a week towards the support of the family, and the husband, coming out of hospital, obtained a situation the week after at 20s. a week, and when last inquired after, was found to be doing well together with his wife and family.

(1822) J. K., a married woman with two children, one 17 and the other 10 years old, applied for a grant of money to her husband and herself to buy them food and clothing.

Enquiry proved that the man and his wife were both reckless drunkards, the former having not long since broken his leg by falling down when drunk, and his wife, in consequence, received parish relief for some time. The eldest child, a girl, was not living at home, but was working as a book-folder in the north of London; the other child, a boy, was at home. The condition of the applicant's rooms was filthy, and the case was dismissed by this Committee as undeserving.

(1929) L. M., an old French soldier, having fought throughout the Franco-German war, and having been three times wounded, had been sentenced to court martial, after Sedan, in consequence of his refusal to fight on behalf of the Republic against the Communists, being loyal to the defeated Emperor. He escaped to England, and had since supported himself in London by translating French, Italian, and Spanish, he being an educated linguist; but, at length, applied to this Committee in great distress,—being

actually starving. Should he return to Paris he might get recognized ; he would then be subject to six months' imprisonment in a fort, but would be able afterwards to earn a living in France. He, however, was entitled to a considerable pension in case of his amnesty without imprisonment ; and had two married daughters in France, both struggling, whom he hoped ultimately to assist, and still looked forward to the termination of the Republic and to his pension. The Committee supported the applicant for some days in a Refuge, and finding by enquiries that he bore an excellent character, advertised for a situation for him, and ultimately he obtained with a previous employer, a large merchant, with whom this Committee communicated, a situation as translator, commencing with a translation for which he would earn £35, and receiving £5 on account, to start with.

The above have been taken from more than 200 cases dealt with by this Committee during the past year, and may be accepted as fairly illustrative of the practical application of the principles of the Society.

The cases dismissed are such as no assistance in the form of charity could satisfactorily relieve, while the cases assisted are those which, according to the best judgment of the Committee, may, in all probability, be permanently benefited.

Prominence cannot too often be given to the fact that the Poor Law provides relief for all destitute persons, while the duty of every charitable person and institution must be to exercise such vigilance as shall discover the causes of the destitution of each individual appealing to escape parish relief.

Fraud and deceit are active among those whose wits have been sharpened by continuous contact with imminent want, and the chief advantage of co-operation for the relief of distress is that by discussion and comparison sifting of motives may be obtained and discriminate conclusions arrived at.

A curious instance of the ingenuity of begging came recently before this Committee, when a man applied for a glass eye, and the Committee, having taken some trouble in the matter, and obtained a reference to a medical society, ultimately ascertained that the applicant was blind and had no possible use for a glass eye. There can be little doubt that the object of the application was to excite pity as well as interest, thus opening a way for more substantial benefits ; and it not unfrequently happens that the thing

first asked for by the distressed is the last thing really required or likely to be beneficial.

It is only by continuous caution, and strict compliance with established principles, that any machinery for charitable relief can be satisfactorily worked.

Mr. John Morley has well written:—"The hideous, phagedenic ulcer of pauperism is aggravated, not appeased, by little bits of sticking-plaster in the shape of stray threepenny pieces. Its angry and destructive poison is in the blood, and will only be driven out by constitutional, as well as local treatment. If a man will only form a clear and honest view as to the true remedies for the evils of pauperism, and get into a habit of expressing it and supporting it, in season and out of season, he will be doing a far better thing, in the long run, for the public cause, than if he feasted a hundred beggars a month on tea and buns, or subscribed a thousand a year to almsgiving societies." What is true of an individual is true of a Society, and if this Committee have made it at all apparent in their present Report that they have, in any measure, acted in the spirit of these wise words, or have been the means of carrying conviction of their truth, they trust that a chief claim to continued liberal public support will have been made good.

APPENDIX.

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TABULAR STATEMENT OF CASES DEALT WITH BY THE COMMITTEE BETWEEN OCTOBER 1ST, 1877, AND THE 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1878.

CLASS I.—Dismissed or unfavourably reported on, as—

1. Not requiring relief	18
2. Undeserving	22
3. Cases for Poor Law or otherwise ineligible	67
	<hr/> 107

CLASS 2.—Recommended to

1. The Guardians	
2. Institutions or Local Agencies	81
3. Private persons	26
	<hr/> 57

CLASS 3.—Assisted by—

1. Grants	86
2. Loans	16
3. Employment	1
4. Letters for Hospitals, &c.	1
	<hr/> 54

Grand Total	<hr/> 218
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Reports sent out	757
Inquiries for other Committees	817
Vagrants dealt with	432
Referred to other Committees	62

Total since the opening of Office in June, 1871 . . . 3684

Occupation of Applicants, 1877-8, Classified according to their respective callings.

Occupations.	No.	Occupations.	No.	Occupations.	No.	Occupations.	No.	Occupations.	No.
Attendant ..	1	Carriage Washers ..	2	Gun maker ..	1	No Occupation ..	7	Smith ..	1
Bagmaker ..	1	Carriage Painter ..	1	Harness maker ..	1	Office Keeper ..	1	Smith & Bell-hangers ..	2
Biscuit Baker ..	1	Charwomen ..	30	Hawkers ..	4	Painters ..	4	Sweeper ..	1
Barnan ..	1	Chemist ..	1	Interpreter ..	1	Paperstainer ..	1	Tailors ..	6
Begging Letter Writers ..	3	Collectors ..	2	Jeweller ..	1	Photographer ..	1	Tailoresses ..	2
Brass Finisher ..	1	Carman ..	1	Labourers ..	19	Porters ..	14	Tin Plate Worker ..	1
Bookbinders ..	4	Clerks ..	10	Laundresses ..	4	Publican ..	1	Travellers ..	2
Bookfolder ..	1	Costermongers ..	4	Lecturer ..	1	Publisher ..	1	Umbrella maker ..	1
Butlers ..	4	Cook ..	1	Manufacturing Stationer ..	1	Printers ..	8	Waiters ..	9
Bootmakers ..	5	Dressmakers ..	2	Machinist ..	2	Ruler ..	1	Wardrobe Dealers ..	2
Bottlers ..	2	Engineer ..	1	Manglers ..	2	Sailor ..	1	Window Cleaner ..	1
Butcher ..	1	Farrier ..	1	Mason ..	1	Servants (female) ..	4	Whitesmiths ..	2
Button Maker ..	1	Gas Fitters ..	2	Moulder ..	1	Scene Painter ..	1		
Cab Driver ..	1	Goldbeater ..	1	Needlewomen ..	7	Scene Shifters ..	2		
Carpenters ..	2	Groom ..	1	Newsvendors ..	2	Shop Keepers ..	4		

List of Charities within the District of the Strand Branch of the Charity Organisation Society.

NOTE.—These Tables have been compiled partly from the Reports of the Charity Commissioners, and partly from information supplied by the Incumbents of the several parishes. The Committee will gladly receive any corrections, or any information as to other Charities omitted from the list. Educational charities are not included herein :—

ST. MARTIN'S-IN-THE-FIELDS.

ENDOWED CHARITIES.

Name.	Endowments.	Objects.	Receipts. £ s. d.	Officers.
Cottrell and others ..	Houses, Rentcharge, and Consols	Alms-houses, alms-men, and alms-women	..	Vicar and Churchwardens
Boycroft	£5 Reduced Bank Annuity	Six cripples £1 each, and coal	15 0 0	Minister and three principal inhabitants of parish, appointed by Minister
Tomlinson	Premises in St. George's, Hanover Square	Persons nominated by the Vicar A complete suit of clothing to fifteen poor men and fifteen poor women	.. ..	A body of Trustees Charity shared with St. George's, Hanover Square, in the proportion of (about) 10 to St. George's and 7 to St. Martin's
Shelton	Paid by Minister and Churchwardens of St. Giles-in-the-Fields	Ten poor persons receive annually a brown gown and coat, respectively, chosen by the Vicar and Churchwardens	7 10 0	Vicar and Churchwardens
Lord Craven's Pesthouse Henry Smith	Houses, &c. Rents of Longney Farm and Rectory, a varying sum	See St. Paul's, Covent Garden Distributed in sums varying from £1 to 2s. 6d., to parishioners of St. Martin's A return is made of the expenditure of each previous year, to Trustees of the Charity	..	Churchwardens

UNENDOWED CHARITIES.

	Treasurers.		Treasurers.
Clothing Club ..	Lady F. Cavendish and Mrs. Humphry	Needlework Society	Miss F. Wray, 25, Stafford Terrace
Savings Fund ..	Vicar and Mr. Warrington	Voluntary Rate for Charity	Kensington
Lying-in-Charity ..	Mrs. Humphry	District Visiting Society	Vicar and Mr. Warrington
Library & Reading Room	Vicar and Rev. R. G. Mead	and Invalid Kitchen	Vicar

LIBERTY OF THE ROLLS.

ENDOWED CHARITIES.

S. Dunstan's-in-the-West	Paid by Churchwardens of St. Dunstan's-in-the-West to overseers of the Liberty	To poor of the Liberty	..	4	6	8	Overseers of the Poor	
Baldwin's	..	Rentcharge on Cripps's Farm in the parish of Harefield	Among the poor generally: half on St. Thomas's Day, and half in the middle of September, in sums varying from 2s. 6d. to 6d.	3	0	0	Overseers of the Poor and Ancients of the Liberty	
Worrall	..	£45 in 3 per Cent. Reduced	To poor of the Liberty	..	1	10	6	Overseers of the Poor and Ancients of the Liberty
Master of the Rolls	To poor of the Liberty	..	5	0	0	This is now paid by the Commissioners of Woods and Forests
Fisher	..	Paid by Cordwainers' Company to the Churchwardens of St. Dunstan's-in-the-West, who pay 1-5th share to Overseers of this Liberty	Given in shillings on the third Wednesday in May, by Cordwainers' Company, according to a list furnished by the Overseers	1	0	0	Overseers of the Poor	
Webb	..	£40 in the 3 per Cent. Red. shared with St. Clement Danes	Distributed in cake or small sums	..	0	10	0	Churchwardens of St. Clement Danes and St. Dunstan's

ST. CLEMENT DANES.
ENDOWED CHARITIES.

Name.	Endowment.	Objects.	Receipts.	Officers.
Holborn Estate	.. Houses, &c. ..	.. Subscription to Hospital Almshouses Schools ..	£ s. d. abt. 850 0 0 1,700 0 0 1,800 0 0	Managers of Holborn Estate, Houghton-street, Strand
Duckett	.. Moiety of rents of Farm shared with St. Andrew's, Holborn	To maid servants who have served one master or mistress for five years, are placed on a list, and then being named, receive in their turn £12	294 14 4	Trustees
Mudford	.. £2 part of rentcharge	Distributed on Good Fridays to widows resident in Milford Lane or alleys leading thereto	2 0 0	
Webb ..	.. Half of interest on Consols, £38 19s. 4d.		0 11 4	
Lady Middleton Lady Bridgman Laurence	.. Consols: £1,797 15s. 4d.	29 poor widows, 8s. half-yearly ..	48 8 2	
Shalmer	.. See Overseers' Charities			
Hill ..	.. Consols: £400 ..	.. Poor of the Parish ..	1 10 0	Churchwardens' Charities, and distributed by them.
Twining	.. Consols: £298 0s. 5d.	.. Poor of the Parish ..	2 15 8	
Palmer	.. Premises ..	.. 12 widow housekeepers not receiving alms, and who pay their poor rates	3 0 0	
Waxall	.. Rentcharge ..	Paid out of the church-rates, and divided among 20 poor widows not receiving parish relief generally through their lives	0 10 0	
Yale Disrael ..	.. } Rentcharge paid by Churchwardens of St. Giles, Chippingdon	Paid to Overseers' Charity Account		

Warner	Rentcharge	Paid to Overseers' Charity Account	0	13	4
Forster	Rentcharge	Coals, bread, tea, and sugar' ..	1	0	0
Price	Rentcharge	Do.	3	0	0
Backhouse	Rentcharge	Do.	1	0	0
Earl of Salisbury	Rentcharge	Do.	8	0	0
Beddowe	Houses	Do.	94	0	0
Shaw	Premises	Do.	44	2	10
Shalmer .. ..	.. ..	Do.	31	8	2
Holywell Street	See Lady Middleton	Do.	1	4	8
Wright	Consols: £4 10s. 4d. ..	Do. .. ..	..	..	..
Browne .. ..	.. ..	.. ..	1	4	0
Butcher	Consols: £40 5s. ..	Do.	1	0	0
Read	Paid by Saddlers' Compy ..	Do.	1	0	0
Jacob	Paid by Vintners' Compy ..	Do.	1	0	0
Lord Craven's Pethouse .. ..	.. ..	See St. Paul's, Covent Garden	..	..	..

Overseers' Charities, and distributed by them.

UNEXPENDED CHARITIES.

Officers.	
District Visiting Society ..	F. Hancock, New Inn.
Lying-in Charity	Mrs. Stillwell, 33, Gordon Square.
	Mission House and Public Laundry, Yates Court, Carey Street.

St. Paul's, Covent Garden, Endowed Charities.

NAME.	ENDOWMENTS.	OBJECTS.	ANNUAL RECEIPTS.	OFFICERS.
Slough House Farm	Land. 65 acres, 1 rood	The relief of the poor ..	£ s d.	Fourteen Trustees.
Burl's Farm	Land. 31 acres, 1 rood, 22 poles	The same purpose, after payment of £20 to the Curate	120 0 0	Trustees, of whom Rector to be one
Yarwell's Legacy	263 5 0 Cons. 3 per cents.	The Sacramental Fund..	65 0 0	Charity Commissioners.
Pearke's	332 6 8 Red. 3 "	Poor women, being householders	7 17 10	"
Margeson's	200 0 0 Cons. 3 "	The Sacramental Fund..	10 0 0	"
Dickens'	108 11 0 Cons. 3 "	Ditto	6 0 0	"
Eagle's	200 0 0 Cons. 3 "	Resident householders ..	3 5 0	"
Pitters	507 15 2 Red. 3 "	At the disposition of the Vestry	6 0 0	"
Hewson's	564 7 0 Cons. 3 "	The Sacramental Fund..	15 4 8	"
Shelton's	Houses, &c., in Parker's Lane	Gowns for poor women	16 18 8	Court of Chancery, paid to Rector Minister and Churchwardens of St. Giles.
Butler's	7,344 13 9 Cons. 3 per cents.	To apprentice annually a boy from each of 12 parishes, of which Covent Garden to be one, or to provide a scholarship for one or two boys or girls	3 15 0	Rectors of five parishes, of which this is one.
Lord Craven's	Houses, &c., &c. ..	King's College and Charing Cross Hospitals	220 6 8	Twenty-one Trustees, Rector of Covent Garden one.
Bellamy's	166 13 4 Cons. 3 per cents.	Rector, to keep Monument in repair	about 690 0 0	Rector, and it stands in his name.
Parochial Collections	2,116 13 9 Cons. 3 "	Parochial Schools	5 0 0	Mr. Few, surviving Trustee.
And	253 6 8 Cons. 3 "			
Together	2,370 0 0		71 2 0	

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I. To bring into harmonious co-operation with each other and with the Poor Law authorities the various charitable agencies and individuals in the district, and thus effectually to check the evils of 'overlapping' relief caused by simultaneous but independent action.

II. To investigate thoroughly the cases of all applicants for charitable relief, whether they are referred to the offices for inquiry and report, or whether they apply of their own accord.

III. To place gratuitously at the disposal of all charitable agencies and private persons the investigating machinery of the Committees of the Society, and to send, to persons having a legitimate interest in cases, full reports of the results of the investigations made.

IV. To obtain from the proper charities, or from charitable individuals, suitable and adequate relief for deserving cases.

V. To assist from its own funds, and as far as possible in the form of loans, all suitable cases *for which adequate assistance cannot be obtained from other sources.*

VI. To repress mendicity by the above means, by the gratuitous distribution of investigation tickets, and by the prosecution of impostors.

VII. To afford to the public at large information regarding the objects and mode of working of existing charities.

VIII. To promote, as far as possible, the general welfare of the poor by means of social and sanitary reforms, and by the inculcation of habits of providence and self-dependence.

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The Secretaries are authorised to furnish particulars with regard to Charitable Societies to persons desirous of such information.

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December 1878.

WORK OF THE COUNCIL, 1877-8.

DURING the Session of the year 1877-8, 38 meetings of Council were held, with an average attendance of 49 members.

This is a considerably larger average than in former years; and when it is remembered that the Council is composed mainly of representatives from every part of London, and is a meeting place at which those who are familiar with the wants of the poor and are practically engaged in endeavouring to meet those wants can interchange opinions and experience, the utility of these meetings will be obvious. Questions of an immediate or permanent interest, the difficulties of which are well known, are frequently discussed: how to aid the poor to obtain employment; how to deal satisfactorily with cases of chronic infirmity; loans; the Army Reserves, and so forth. And the Council, in which there is a frequent change of representatives and a consequent introduction of new members, affords a means for the continuous consideration and discussion of subjects which cannot be settled offhand by any approved method or theory of organisation, but which require the knowledge, co-operation, and energy of each successive generation of workers.

During the earlier part of the session two subjects, which are rather private to the Society than of general interest, were discussed at considerable length. The Administrative Committee of the Council was placed on an entirely new footing. New arrangements were also made for the conduct of business in the office of the Council.

VAGRANCY.

During the winter of 1877-8 there was throughout the country a great increase in vagrancy. It appeared that in London the information that bread was given at the offices of the Committees had spread, and some of the offices were in consequence beset, generally towards midday, by large numbers of vagrants and wayfarers. The responsibility of dealing with cases of sudden and urgent necessity rested mainly upon the local Poor Law authorities; but by the rules of the Society their agents had been authorised, in cases of absolute hunger, to give bread to be eaten upon the spot. It was evident, however, that in the application of this rule great discretion was necessary on the part of the agents. A circular accordingly was issued, pointing out that the rule applied to cases of extreme urgency only; but that in all exceptional homeless cases, which did not appear suitable for reference to a Relieving Officer, the agents were to use their discretion in giving whatever immediate assistance might be required, with a view to the more complete treatment of the case afterwards. By the liberality of a member of the Society, special arrangements have been made at the Newport Market Refuge for the reception of these cases.

ASSISTANCE BY WAY OF LOANS.

A Sub-Committee, which reported on the subject of loans made by District Committees, made the following returns:—

	£	s.	d.
Total amount lent during two years ending			
September 30, 1877.	3,694	8	11
Of this there had been repaid	2,936	12	5
Loans outstanding and deemed recoverable,			
though including doubtful debts	613	0	7
Written off as bad debts	144	10	11

CHRONIC AND PENSION CASES.

The Society by its present rules does not undertake chronic cases. Hitherto indeed it has been considered that they should be dealt with by private persons or by the existing pension societies. The change, however, of public opinion on the subject of the administration of outdoor relief, the endeavour to mark more clearly the division between cases suitable for the Poor Law and those suitable for charity, the apparent inability of the existing institutions to deal effectively with pension cases, the necessity of some provision for cases which fitted into none of the categories framed by the institutions or could not wait for admission, led to suggestions being made to alter the rule now in force and to undertake to assist suitable chronic cases, under certain conditions, either by the co-operation of individuals whose contributions would be organised for one or more special cases, or by the establishment of pension funds, or eventually by the application of charitable endowments. On the other hand, it was thought that such proposals would largely increase the responsibilities of the Society, while the District Committees, by the many methods to which they resorted for dealing effectively with these cases, were learning what the solution of the difficulty might be. No change therefore was made.

ADEQUATE RELIEF.

Cognate to this question is that of adequate temporary relief. The difficulty of obtaining such relief was, it was urged, very great. There were, from time to time, cases of an exceptional nature in which a sum of money was required quite out of proportion to the relief obtainable, under ordinary circumstances, by the means and influence of a local Committee or by reference to any of the Metropolitan Relief Societies. To meet this want, it was arranged that a book containing the names of those willing to give liberal charitable assistance should be kept at the offices of the Council; and several persons, on seeing a notice on the subject in the *Charity Organisation Reporter* and in the Annual Report of the Council, have consented to relieve these cases on reference. This, together with the insertion of appeals in the *Reporter*, has enabled the Council to obtain sufficient aid for all exceptional cases considered suitable by the Administrative Committee.

THE ARMY RESERVES.

When the Reserves were called out, it became a question whether any special efforts should be made to meet the distress which, it was stated, existed among their wives and families. No conclusive evidence as to the inadequacy of the remuneration received by the Reserve men was forthcoming, and it was felt that, if cases of distress arose, they could be thoroughly dealt with by the means already afforded to the public by the Society. It was considered also that, if the remuneration were in fact inadequate, it was better that the Government should increase it than that inducements should be created for making independent persons applicants for charity.

PROVIDENT DISPENSARIES ETC.

Other subjects, such as the relation of organisation to relief in the Society, the better treatment of School Board cases, co-operation with the Guardians, the Education of the Blind, have been carefully considered by the Council or its standing Committees. More especially on the development of the Provident Dispensary system has much labour been expended; and it is believed, that steps have been taken which will eventually lead to the substitution of some form of assurance against ordinary sickness for the present indiscriminate out-patient medical relief.

REPORT.

IN this our Seventh Annual Report we shall not attempt to plead, as we have done in former reports, for the principles and objects advocated by the Charity Organisation Society (*see* page 3). It may now be assumed that few charitable persons do not at least tacitly admit the necessity of discrimination in charity, though upon the methods to be employed and their comparative efficacy there is still much difference of opinion.

The past year has seen little change in the character of our work, but some noteworthy changes in the quantity and quality of the applications for help with which we have had to deal. The arrangement between the Society and the Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street, under which the District Committees of the Society undertook to inquire into and report the earnings and position of families having children out-patients of the hospital, was discontinued (as a *regular* practice) last autumn, for reasons connected with the internal administration of the hospital. The greater part of the work involved in this arrangement had fallen to the Holborn Union Committee, and its discontinuance has largely altered their statistics for the year under review. Allowing, too, for the omission this year of so-called 'Hospital' cases, we have not dealt with quite as many cases of real or assumed distress as we did last year, the total number of our cases being 328 (*see* Appendix, p. 11). In the *quality* of them there has been, on the whole, a marked improvement.

This improvement may be shown thus: *Last year* the cases of applicants which the Committee had to dismiss because they were either 'not requiring relief,' or 'undeserving,' or 'cases for Poor Law, or otherwise ineligible' (*see* Appendix, p. 11, Class I., of Tabular Statement), were *nearly double as many* as those in which help was either given or procured by us (*see* Appendix,

p. 11, Classes II. and III. of Tabular Statement). *This year* the proportion of the former cases to the latter has been as 15 to 17. So, too, in our School Board cases the proportion of un-assisted to assisted cases was *last year* as 9 to 6; it is *this year* as 6 to 7.

A simple way of explaining the various kinds of help we give in deserving cases of distress, and the sources from which we procure it, will be to comment upon one item in our balance sheet, which, by itself, is liable to be misunderstood, namely, the aid given by 'Grants.' This year it will be seen that they came to no more than £11. 15s. 6d. The reason is that these grants are *only* made by us *in the last resort*, when other sources of help, whether in money or otherwise, have failed us. These other sources are :

I. *Charitable Institutions.*—*The almoners of the Society for the Relief of Distress* will, at our request, give weekly help in kind to those families in which illness or accident have disabled the bread-winner of the family for a time, and there is a fair prospect of the distress ceasing with its cause. *The Widows' Friend Society* will help the Committee by a substantial grant towards starting again in life poor women recently left widows, by the purchase of sewing machines, mangles, or a small stock-in-trade. *The Clerkenwell Emigration Society* helps us to send out wives, with their children, to their husbands who have settled in the Colonies. *Various hospitals in the district* refer cases of applicants requiring surgical appliances, or the change of air and bracing of a convalescent home, to our Committee for investigation, and if our report prove favourable, will give the money, or a portion of the money, required for these purposes from their Samaritan Fund. *In some of the ecclesiastical districts of the Union* the clergy have funds at their disposal out of which to help cases reported to them as deserving by the Committee, a suggestion usually accompanying the report as to the most fitting form of help.

II. *Private Persons.*—Either by *special donations* for the help of particular applicants about whom they have written to us, asking for inquiry to be made; or by *contributions to a relief fund*—that is, a fund applied wholly to relief and not also to expenses of investigation; or by *giving Hospital and Convalescent Home letters, clothes, and every help other than money.*

III. *Mr. Francis Peek's Fund for 'School Board' Cases.*—Mr. Peek's wish is that this fund—originated by him three years ago—should be used by District Committees in School Board cases

on the same sound principles and to the same extent that they would use their own funds ; that is, that the Committees should draw upon it for the thorough and effectual help of those cases which they decide ought to be helped out of the fund. As the non-attendance of children at school is the immediate cause of the applications, they are almost invariably for boots or other clothing. We do all we can to make our relief as effectual as possible ; but the result of some experience has been to show that in a large number of cases, where the applicants are struggling people, just keeping off the parish, but from accident or illness disabled for a time from keeping up with the wants of the family, the help afforded by the gift of boots and clothes is often an effectual means of tiding them over the time of need. The proportion of *recurrent* School Board cases is small.

IV. *Loans*, made without interest, and repayable by weekly instalments, are a form of help which our Committee would gladly extend if possible. A householder in approximately the same condition of life as the borrower is required as surety for each loan. Thus the independence of the industrious poor is preserved, and every such loan is an elementary lesson in thrift. This year, of our *twenty* loans, *eight* were for the purchase of stock-in-trade or work materials ; *six* were to redeem from pawn or to purchase clothing ; *three* were to redeem or purchase tools ; and *three* were towards the purchase of a mangle, a sewing machine, and bedding respectively. In nearly all these cases illness or accident had been the cause of distress.

It will thus be easily understood that we deal with but few deserving cases where we are unable to procure the money required for the particular form of help from one or other of these sources. And, further, it is plain that, if we could get into closer co-operation with the various endowed charities of the district, we might never need to draw upon our General Fund for relief purposes. Those who object to give their money for any other purpose but actual relief we would invite to give to our Relief Fund ; but we would also ask them to look at the matter from a broader point of view. If once they admit—what few will deny—that their gifts should go hand in hand with their knowledge of the true need of those to whom they give, they are bound to obtain this knowledge, either personally or through some local machinery of inquiry. It is this latter which the District Committees of the Society offer to all who will use it ; but such inquiries involve the expense of an office, an experienced inquiry officer, the entry of information in record books, and a

large correspondence; and we sincerely hope that the readers of this Report will not be unwilling to allow a part at least of their contributions to be applied to the expenses of thorough investigation before help is given; it is the truest economy.

Repression of Mendicity.—Our inquiries necessarily bring to light much imposture and even fraud; it is natural, therefore, that our work should be disliked by the large army of begging-letter writers and worthless mendicants that prey upon public charity. But this fact should be our recommendation to all who hate imposture as much as they like to help the distressed. We are prepared to forward—merely for the asking—reports about all persons living in our district who have applied for help in any quarter. This last year we sent out 185 of such reports.

Interdependence of the District Committees.—As the inquiries of each District Committee are confined to its own district—there are 40 District Committees in the Metropolis—it is clear that to complete the inquiries in any given case it is constantly necessary for us to send to other Committees for information, and in our turn to make inquiries for other Committees. Of such inquiries we have this year made 431. Thus the efficiency of every one of our Committees depends upon the efficiency of every other. In the interests, therefore, of this Society as a whole, as well as of our own branch of it, we ask for an increased support from the charitable public in our district.

Donations and subscriptions, whether to our General Fund or to our Relief Fund, will be received at the office, 14 Myddelton Street, E.C., between the hours of 10 and 12 A.M. and 4 and 5 P.M. Cheques may be paid into the account of the Holborn Union Committee, at Messrs. Goslings & Sharpe's Bank, 19 Fleet Street, E.C.; and Post Office Orders should be made payable either to A. Hoare (Treasurer) or to G. B. Baker (Hon. Secretary).

APPENDIX.

**TABULAR STATEMENT OF CASES DEALT WITH BY THE COMMITTEE
BETWEEN OCTOBER 1, 1877, AND SEPTEMBER 30, 1878.**

CLASS I.—Dismissed, or unfavourably reported on as	
1. Not requiring relief	37
2. Undeserving	18
3. Cases for Poor Law, or otherwise ineligible	97
Total	152
CLASS II.—Recommended to	
1. The Guardians	5
2. Institutions or local agencies	24
3. Private persons	108
Total	137
CLASS III.—Assisted by	
1. Grants	13
2. Loans	20
3. Employment	2
4. Letters to hospitals	4
Total	39
Grand total	328
Reports sent out	185
Inquiries for other Committees	431
Vagrants dealt with	54
Referred to other Committees	2

OCCUPATION OR CONDITION OF APPLICANTS.

Artist	1	Jewellers	5
Artificial flower makers	2	Laundresses	2
Barometer makers	2	Labourers	43
Basket makers	2	Mangle workers	2
Blind maker	1	Marble polisher	1
Blacksmiths	4	Machinists	6
Birdcage maker	2	Mason	1
Bookbinders	2	Mantle maker	1
Bookfolders	2	Machine attendant	1
Bonnet shape makers	2	Map colourer	1
Box maker	1	Messenger	1
Brass finisher	1	Monthly nurses	1
Brush makers	3	Musician	4
Butchers	3	Needlewomen	26
Button maker	1	Newsagent	1
Cabmen	10	Paper colourer	1
Cabinet makers	5	Photographer	1
Carmen	9	Packer	1
Cartridge maker	1	Painters	9
Carpenters	5	Packing-case maker	1
Charwomen	15	Pipe maker	1
Cigar makers	2	Porters	13
Costermongers	9	Printers	9
Compositor	1	Publicans	2
Designers	2	Purse maker	1
Doll maker	1	Rent collector	1
Dress makers	4	Sailor	1
Drovers	2	School teacher	1
Drayman	1	Servants	14
Engineer	1	Shoeblocks	1
Fishmonger	1	Shoemakers	11
Frame makers	2	Shopkeepers	4
French polisher	1	Stick mounter	1
Fret carver	1	Straw bonnet maker	1
Gasfitters	2	Surgical instrument maker	1
Gilders	3	Tailors	7
Gilt mounter	1	Tailoress	1
Glass cutter	1	Tie maker	1
Glove maker	1	Undertakers	2
Gold beater	1	Waiters	3
Hair worker	1	Warehousemen	3
Hawkers	9	Washerwomen	16
House agents	2	Waterman	1
Housekeepers	2		
Iron moulder	1		328

NOTE.—Out of these 328 Applicants only 36 belonged to a Club or Benefit Society.

ILLUSTRATIVE CASES.

The following cases were dealt with by the Committee during the past year, and are fair illustrations of the Tabular Statement.

Not requiring Relief.—C. C., a widow with one child, had received and repaid a loan made her in December last towards the purchase of a small stock-in-trade. She applied again quite lately for another loan, stating that she wished to increase her stock. She was not then in distress, and, the first loan having been made her so recently, her application was refused.

NOTE.—The Committee reserve their loans without interest for cases of need, otherwise the number of their loans might have been largely increased.

Ineligible.—C. M., a widow, with four children, aged $12\frac{1}{2}$, 10, 7, and $4\frac{1}{2}$ respectively, had to attend the School Committee for not sending her children to school, and was referred to our Committee for boots for her three elder children. We were unable to help her for two reasons: she was earning but 3s. a week, and her outdoor relief had been stopped because the Guardians considered that her children would be better off in the district schools; and she admitted having received, six months ago, £70 from a fire insurance office for a fire in her house, and could not account for the way in which this sum had been spent.

Undeserving.—J. P., a jobbing shoemaker, applied for money to redeem from pawn tools and bedding. Previous landlords stated that he was a drunkard, and by his ill usage forced his wife and two children to leave him.

Referred to Charitable Institutions.—E. S., whose husband was in New Zealand, applied for help towards the passage money of herself and three children. The husband had been out twelve months and had got employment, but was unable to pay the whole sum required. As they were respectable, industrious people, the Committee gave £1 towards the balance, the Clerkenwell Emigration Society making up the remainder, and the wife and children were sent out in the next emigrant ship.

S. P., a widow with three children, applied for help to buy a mangle. Her husband having recently died, and her character being good, the Committee recommended her to the Widows'

Friend Society, who gave 30s. towards the purchase, the Committee giving the remainder and buying the mangle for her.

Recommended to Private Persons.—H. B. was a small shop-keeper, with a wife and three children. One of the children caught scarlet fever and had to be removed to the Fever Hospital. In consequence of this customers fell off for a time, and the family had to sell their stock for the payment of rent and other debts. A private person, at the instance of the Committee, gave £2 for the purchase of fresh stock.

P. B., a widow with five children, applied to a lady for assistance to get a sewing machine, and her case was referred to the Committee. She had been earning a livelihood by washing, but was prevented by rheumatism from continuing this employment. Her character stood very high, and she was not in receipt of parish relief. The Committee procured for her a sewing machine of a particular kind, which was paid for by the lady. Her earnings from this, together with the earnings of the two eldest children, are sufficient to keep the family in comfort. She is repaying the lady, through the Committee, for the machine.

Grants.—E. B., a widow with one child, was in want of employment and unable to send her child to school. She had been in service, and her former master tried to find her another situation, but without success, the difficulty being that she refused to be separated from her child. The Committee clothed her child and got an almoner (S.R.D.) to help her with food for three weeks while they advertised for her. Answers came, but meanwhile the poor woman was disabled with a heavy chest cold. Again she was visited and helped by an almoner (S.R.D.), and finally she was enabled to take a day situation with a lady in the district.

A. C. A., carman, earning 20s. a week, had a wife and four children, two of whom contributed another 7s. 6d. to the weekly earnings; the third child was just recovering from scarlet fever, and had been absent from school for two months; and the fourth, aged six, was an in-patient of the Hospital for Hip Disease, Queen Square, W.C. The family was well spoken of by employers, neighbours, and the clergyman of their district. The illness of the third child having made a heavy inroad into their earnings, the Committee, on the application of the lady superintendent of the hospital, paid for a surgical splint, certified to be required by the youngest child, and clothed the third child to enable it to attend school.

J. T., a cabdriver—wife and five children—fell off his cab three months ago, and, having injured his head, became an out-patient of a hospital. His employer believed his accident had arisen from his having had too much drink, but further inquiry elicited that he had driven a fare some miles out of London on the occasion in question, and had been exhausted for want of food. A previous employer, who has now engaged him again as cabdriver, gave him a good character for honesty and sobriety. The Committee clothed three of his children and made him a loan of £1 to redeem necessary clothing. The loan has been repaid.

NOTE.—(a) All these grants were made *not in money, but in kind*; (b) they were *supplementary* to other substantial help.

‘Loans,’ *see* body of Report, p. 9.

**GRANTS MADE BY OR THROUGH THE INTERVENTION OF THE COM-
MITTEE DURING THE YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1878.**

No. of Case	£	s.	d.	No. of Case	£	s.	d.
2014 . . .	1	0	0	2106 . . .	0	12	0
2064 . . .	0	10	0	2107 . . .	0	10	0
1898 . . .	1	0	0	2119 . . .	0	15	0
1916 . . .	0	5	0	2104 . . .	0	10	0
1903 . . .	1	0	0	2136 . . .	0	12	0
2152 . . .	1	0	0	2130 . . .	1	0	0
2167 . . .	0	10	0	1896 . . .	0	15	0
2196 . . .	2	0	0	2163 . . .	1	10	0
2205 . . .	5	0	0	2071 . . .	0	10	0
2160 . . .	1	1	0	2165 . . .	1	0	0
2201 . . .	8	0	0	2166 . . .	0	6	0
2184 . . .	2	0	0	2171 . . .	0	15	0
2006 . . .	0	15	0	2172 . . .	1	0	0
1514 . . .	0	15	0	2177 . . .	0	15	0
1868 . . .	0	7	6	2179 . . .	0	15	0
2008 . . .	0	15	0	2180 . . .	0	5	0
2009 . . .	0	12	0	2182 . . .	0	15	0
2011 . . .	0	15	0	2193 . . .	1	0	0
2019 . . .	0	12	0	2194 . . .	0	15	0
2020 . . .	0	15	0	2195 . . .	0	5	0
2022 . . .	1	10	0	2197 . . .	0	13	0
2021 . . .	0	12	0	2200 . . .	0	10	0
2018 . . .	0	8	0	2207 . . .	0	10	0
2024 . . .	1	5	0	2228 . . .	0	10	0
2028 . . .	0	5	0	2232 . . .	0	15	0
2032 . . .	0	15	0	2235 . . .	0	10	0
2033 . . .	0	5	0	2238 . . .	1	10	0
2039 . . .	0	10	0	1469 . . .	0	10	0
2034 . . .	0	6	0	2242 . . .	1	0	0
2035 . . .	0	10	0	2246 . . .	0	15	0
2040 . . .	0	15	0	1989 . . .	0	15	0
2048 . . .	0	10	0	1903 . . .	0	10	0
2044 . . .	0	15	0	2016 . . .	0	6	0
2053 . . .	0	10	0	1977 . . .	0	5	0
2059 . . .	0	5	0	1883 . . .	0	10	0
2064 . . .	0	5	0	2003 . . .	0	10	0
1088 . . .	0	7	0	2115 . . .	0	6	6
2069 . . .	1	0	0	2143 . . .	0	10	0
2072 . . .	0	10	0	2181 . . .	0	13	0
2080 . . .	0	10	0	2219 . . .	1	0	0
2083 . . .	0	14	0	2220 . . .	5	0	0
2085 . . .	0	15	0	2243 . . .	1	0	0
2086 . . .	0	10	0	2245 . . .	0	10	0
2088 . . .	0	15	0	1868 . . .	2	6	0
2089 . . .	0	12	0	1939 . . .	1	10	0
2090 . . .	0	6	0	2131 . . .	1	4	0
2091 . . .	0	10	0	2149 . . .	0	10	0
1516 . . .	0	10	0	1960 . . .	0	5	0
2095 . . .	0	12	0	2001 . . .	0	10	0
2101 . . .	0	6	6	1868 . . .	1	0	0
2104 . . .	0	10	0	2020 . . .	0	15	0

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NOTE.—Many of the smaller of these grants were for advertisements, railway fares, &c., and some were supplementary to other kinds of help.

POOR LAW RELIEF IN THE HOLBORN UNION DISTRICT.

The district dealt with by the Holborn Union Committee of the Charity Organisation Society comprises an area of about 720 acres, containing a population of about 200,000, and is coterminous with that of the present Holborn Union, which comprises the three old Poor Law Divisions of Holborn, Clerkenwell, and St Luke's.

The fixed source of relief is the action of the Poor Law.

There is one Board of Guardians for the whole union, composed of thirty members elected for three years by the districts and eight representatives nominated by the Local Government Board.

From this Board a certain number of members is nominated to act upon Relief Committees, one of which is appointed for each district; these sit respectively at the Holborn Workhouse, and at the Relief Office, 97 Old Street, St. Luke's, on Monday in each week, and at the Clerkenwell Workhouse on Tuesday in each week.

Under the control of this Board there are two Relieving Officers for Holborn, two for Clerkenwell, and three for St. Luke's.

The duties of these officers are to investigate all applications for relief, and to report the result to the Relief Committee, at their weekly meetings.

These Committees alone have the power of ordering relief, and applicants have to attend before them; but a discretionary power is granted to the Relieving Officers in cases of 'urgent necessity.'

'Able-bodied' applicants—that is, all applicants under sixty years of age—are, with certain exceptions—e.g. widows with children—relieved within the workhouse only; those over sixty receive outdoor or indoor relief at the discretion of the Relief Committee.

Relief of the Sick Poor.

For the accommodation of the poor of the Holborn District, there are three workhouses, namely those of Holborn, Clerkenwell, and St. Luke's. Besides these workhouses, a certain number of paupers are farmed out at Edmonton. There is also one casual ward and two dispensaries, and schools for the whole union at Mitcham, containing 485 children. A new infirmary is being built at Highgate, calculated to hold 460 sick paupers. It will probably be opened on Lady Day, 1879.

The workhouses are utilised in the following way:—

Holborn Workhouse is used as an infirmary for the whole of

the union; Clerkenwell for those under sixty years of age and for lying-in cases; and St. Luke's for those over sixty years of age.

There are three outdoor Medical Officers for Holborn, three for Clerkenwell, and four for St. Luke's.

The duty of these officers is to attend daily at their dispensaries, where all applicants who have received an order from the Relieving Officer are duly attended to.

In extreme cases, by an order from the Relieving Officer, the patient is visited at home; and, at the discretion of the Medical Officer, the patient is treated there or at the infirmary.

Insane and imbecile paupers, after being passed through Holborn Workhouse for three days, are drafted either to the Poor Law Asylums at Leavesden or Caterham, to the County Asylums of Colney Hatch or Hanwell, or to private establishments receiving paupers.

ENDOWED CHARITIES WITHIN THE HOLBORN UNION DISTRICT.

In the Middlesex Liberties, the Upper Liberty, and the Saffron Hill Liberty (St. Andrew's, Holborn) there are 6 charities, with a gross income of £1,806. 1s. 5d. Of this amount £158. 11s. 5d. is distributed in money, £75 is applied generally for the poor, and £1,328. 10s. goes to the maintenance of almshouses and their inmates.

In the parish of St. James's, Clerkenwell, there are 22 charities, with a gross income of £727. 12s. 10d. Out of this sum £2 is applicable towards school maintenance; £340. 7s. 1d. (deducting expenses of administration) is distributable in bread, or coals, or raiment, or firing; £300. 14s. 5d. (deducting the like expenses) is distributable in small doles; and the remainder is applicable to the general uses of the poor.

In the parish of St. Luke's E.C., Alleyn's Almshouses have 10 inmates, each receiving an annuity of £20; and St. Luke's Almshouses have 12 inmates, each also receiving an annuity of £20. The St. Luke's Gift Estate furnishes annuities of £25 each to 10 persons, and of £12 each to 44 persons; Palmer's Gift, annuities of £10 each to 6 persons; Dame A. Hinton's Gift, annuities of £25 each to 4 persons; John Dale's Gift, pensions of £12 each to 4 persons. Under Powell's and Freeman's Gift about £216 is distributable annually among 29 poor persons; under Leverington's Charity £40 is distributable annually, in sums of £1 each, among 40 poor persons; under Schroder's Gift £60 in sums of £1 each among 30 poor men and 30 poor women.

All these charitable endowments are administered either by the vestries, or the parish churchwardens, or by private trustees.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE from October 1, 1877, to September 30, 1878.

GENERAL ACCOUNT:

Dr.		£	s.	d.
To Balance September 30, 1877	.	26	4	1
" Ditto for Convalescent Fund .	.	6	0	0
" Contributions for general purposes, Subscriptions .	.	50	15	6
" " " " " Donations	.	13	2	0
" " " " " for Relief Fund, Subscriptions .	.	1	0	0
" " " " " Donations	.	12	12	6
" " " " " for special cases	.	25	16	0
" " " " " for School Board cases	.	42	15	0
" Grants received from the Council .	.	95	0	0
" County Court expenses allowed	.	0	18	6

Cr.	£	s.	d.
By Rent for 13 months	.	.	.
" Fuel and light	.	26	0
" Repairs and fittings	.	1	19
" Salaries and poundage	.	0	2
" Stationery and office books	.	80	15
" Printing	.	3	8
" Postage	.	9	4
" Incidental expenses	.	5	12
" Money returned	.	8	19
" Aid by contributions to special cases	.	1	0
" " " School Board cases	.	23	6
" " Grants in 12 cases	.	47	3
" " Convalescent Fund grants in 5 cases	.	11	15
" " Grants from Relief Fund in 18 cases	.	5	15
" Balances September 30, 1878:—	.	13	7
Convalescent Fund	.	0	5
Relief Fund	.	0	5
General purposes	.	35	5

£274 3 7

PERMANENT LOAN FUND ACCOUNT:

Dr.	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
To Original Loan Fund	25	0	0			
Less balance of loans not repaid September 30, 1877	18	11	6			
Balance at bank and in hand September 30, 1877				6	8	6
Repayment of loans since September 30, 1877				34	0	0
				<u>£40</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>6</u>

£40 8 0

I have examined the above accounts and certify them to be correct.
W. I. FORD.

**DISTRICT COMMITTEES
OF THE
CHARITY ORGANISATION SOCIETY,
AND THEIR OFFICES.**

WEST.

KENSINGTON—42 Church Street, W.
FULHAM UNION—56 Hammersmith Road, W.
PADDINGTON—20 Westbourne Park Terrace, Harrow Road, W.
CHELSEA—5A Blacklands Terrace, King's Road, S.W.
ST. GEORGE'S UNION—48 Buckingham Palace Road, S.W.
ST. JAMES'S AND SOHO (Westminster Union)—46 Berwick Street, W.

NORTH.

ST. MARYLEBONE—151 Marylebone Road, N.W.
HAMPSTEAD—Corner of Church Lane, High Street, N.W.
NORTH ST. PANCRAS and HIGHGATE—120 Highgate Road, N.W.
SOUTH ST. PANCRAS—17 Woburn Buildings, Euston Road, W.O.
ISLINGTON—8 College Street, Barnsbury, N.
HACKNEY—Old Town Hall, E.

CENTRAL.

ST. GILES'S and BLOOMSBURY—7 Arthur Street, New Oxford Street, W.C.
STRAND UNION—13 Beaufort Buildings, Strand, W.O.
HOLBORN UNION—14 Myddelton St., Clerkenwell, E.C.
CITY OF LONDON UNION—4 Bury Street, St. Mary Axe, E.C.

EAST.

SHOREDITCH—56 St. John's Road, Hoxton, N.
BETHNAL GREEN—297 Bethnal Green Road, E.
WHITECHAPEL UNION—194 Commercial Road, E.
ST. GEORGE-IN-THE-EAST—194 Commercial Road, E.
STEPNEY UNION—3 Arbour Cottages, Arbour Street East, Commercial Road, E.
MILE END OLD TOWN—3 Arbour Cottages, Arbour Street East, Commercial Road, E.
POPLAR UNION—129 East India Dock Road, E.

SOUTH.

ST. SAVIOUR'S, SOUTHWARK—9 St. George's Circus, S.E.
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LAMBETH—353 Kennington Road, S.E.
BRIXTON—21 Elizabeth Street, Cornwall Road, Brixton Hill, S.W.
WANDSWORTH and PUTNEY—The Plain, Wandsworth, S.W.
BATTERSEA—175 Battersea High Street, S.W.
CLAPHAM—73 Bromell's Road, Clapham Common, S.W.
CAMBERWELL—1 Grove Lane, S.E.; and Meetinghouse Lane, Peckham, S.E.
GREENWICH—14 Haddington Terrace, King Street, S.E.
DEPTFORD—Mission Hall, King Street, Broadway, S.E.
WOOLWICH UNION—5 Eleanor Road, S.E.
LEWISHAM—Lee Bridge, S.E.
ELTHAM—High Street, S.E.
SYDENHAM—The Dispensary, Forest Hill, S.E.

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REPORT.

THE most important part of the past year's transactions have been already reported. It was thought desirable to give a complete account of that strange influx of vagrant pauperism which began in August 1877, and lasted until April 1878, and last year's Report was delayed for the purpose. It will be unnecessary to repeat that portion of it which belongs to the year just closed.

The experience gained during the execution of the task thus thrown upon our officer was curious and interesting, and, it is hoped, may furnish valuable lessons for the future, but the ordinary work of the year has been materially interfered with. The time and energies of our staff were so heavily taxed, that they were greatly hindered in the discharge of their ordinary duties. It also compelled the Committee to change their offices at the most inconvenient season of the year. The landlord of the premises in Basinghall Street found the crowds constantly passing up and down the staircase for bread so annoying to his other tenants, that he was compelled to give the Committee notice to quit, and it was found impossible to procure suitable offices in a like central position at anything like a reasonable rent. The present offices, though in many respects eligible, are at one extreme end of the district, and it was a considerable time before the poor became familiar with them.

From these and other causes the work of the year shows a decrease in all its branches as compared with the year preceding.

The Committee, however, do not regard this decrease as indicating that the interest or usefulness of their operations are really retrogressive. On the contrary, they believe that the year on which we are just entering will show a decided advance in both. The work of charity organization is becoming year by

year better understood, and its importance and necessity more generally felt. The objections against this Society are, moreover, it is hoped, fast passing away. The old stock argument based on the disparity between amount of money spent on organization and that given in actual relief is, indeed, still paraded in newspapers and bandied about from mouth to mouth ; but the very bitterness of the disputants seems to indicate that they are losing faith in the strength of their arguments.

In truth, the Society has never asked for public support on the ground that it was a relief Society. The voluntary charities of London, irrespective alike of the Poor-rate and individual benevolence, which it is impossible to estimate, have been stated on competent authority to amount to £5,000,000 per annum. This vast sum, if economically and judiciously administered, would, it is believed, be amply sufficient to cope with the whole indigence of the metropolis. But to effect that beneficial result, it is absolutely necessary that there should be organization and system. The various voluntary bodies administering charitable relief should co-operate cordially with each other, and, with the Poor Law authorities, should interchange information—and each confine itself to its own department—so that none but those who were really in need should be relieved, none should be relieved by more than one agency, and that the one specially adapted to deal with it effectively, so that the relief given should in all cases be adequate. It was to bring about such co-operation that the Charity Organization Society was established. Its founders appealed for support only for that object. Its District Committees were formed, not to interfere with or supplant local charities, but to be hand-maids to them ; to afford a medium of communication between those who had the management of them ; to search out and bring under their notice deserving persons, and to protect them from the assaults of worthless impostors. If the organization of charity were complete, they would gladly have confined themselves to that humble and not very attractive or thankful work ; but just because it is as yet far from complete, they have been compelled, most reluctantly, to take upon themselves the

duty of relieving from their own funds deserving cases for which they are unable to obtain adequate help from any other source. In administering such relief, they go on what they believe to be the right system, namely, to leave all chronic cases, and all idle and worthless characters to the action of the Poor Law, and to confine their attention to deserving persons who may be either prevented, by a little timely help, from sinking into pauperism, or whom such help may enable to tide over a temporary pinch; cases of widows and orphans, and deserving aged persons who may require prolonged assistance do not, as a rule, come within the scope of their ordinary operations; but they endeavour to assist such persons by obtaining for them admission into some institution specially adapted for their relief. No case is ever helped without full and searching enquiry, nor is any case willingly undertaken which cannot be dealt with effectually. It is thus hoped that if the public cannot yet be persuaded to limit their charity to deserving objects, at any rate no deserving case shall be left unrelieved so far as the funds placed at the disposal of the District Committees will allow.

It will be seen from these remarks that the administration of relief is not and never has been the primary object of the Society. In every paper and appeal issued by the Society it has occupied an entirely subordinate position. The Society does, however, receive, though it does not solicit, funds specially devoted to the purposes of relief, and such funds are wholly and conscientiously applied to the purposes for which they are given, without one farthing being deducted for expenses of administration.

The Committee have thought it right to direct attention to the views and purposes which actuated the first founders of the Society, so as to refute the charge of *mala fides* which is still sometimes brought against them; but it must be sorrowfully admitted that their wishes are still far from being crowned with complete success. The Society, like all institutions which aim at reforming long standing abuses, has necessarily raised up to itself enemies, and unfortunately these enemies have been in too many instances those who ought to have been its warmest

friends. It is very difficult to persuade charitable persons that they are often doing a great deal more harm than good by their liberality; hence, in endeavouring to repress the injudicious exercise of charity, the Society has been too often accused of a desire to repress charity itself. It must be admitted, also, that it has not been altogether free from mistakes. In the endeavour to establish District Committees throughout the whole area of the metropolitan Poor Law Division, it was compelled to avail itself of such materials as it found ready to hand; and although it was fortunate in finding no lack of zealous and enthusiastic volunteers, they were for the most part unaccustomed to the work, and, like all novices, had to learn their lesson in the hard school of experience. It was necessary, moreover, to create a large staff of paid enquiry officers, who were, as a rule, untried men, entirely new to the work. Under these circumstances it was inevitable that mistakes should occur, and such mistakes were certain to prejudice the Society, not only with those whose aid it sought in carrying on its operations, but, what was far more serious, among those whom it sought to benefit. Moreover, some of its Committees in poorer districts were weak, not only in workers, but in funds, and were therefore unable to give effectual assistance to many deserving cases which came before them. Hence they laid themselves open to the charge of investigating cases and then sending them away without adequate relief.

But in spite of all these disadvantages the Society can look back with satisfaction on what it has already accomplished—and forward with confident hope to the future. Numerous cases of real distress have been adequately relieved; impostors have been detected and exposed; the lines of demarcation between voluntary charity and the Poor Law have been sharply and clearly drawn, and the relations between them satisfactorily established. The deserving poor are beginning to discover that thorough and sifting investigation, though somewhat disagreeable in the process, is in the end advantageous to themselves, while district visitors and other benevolent persons are coming to understand that relief to be valuable must be adequate, and that

the distribution of shillings and tickets broadcast is, after all, but cruel kindness—tending to degrade and pauperize the poor without affording them any substantial assistance. It cannot be too strongly impressed upon the public mind that the mere relief of destitution is the province of the Poor Law, and that the efforts of charity should be directed to preventing deserving poor persons from sinking into pauperism under the pressure of temporary distress, or rescuing them from that condition and setting them on their legs again, so that they may earn their own living and restore themselves to a position of independence and self respect. Two or three pounds wisely and thoughtfully given with this object may often prove real and economical charity, while the same or even a smaller sum distributed in shillings and half-crowns is wasteful and mischievous extravagance.

A most important result of the operations of the Society is also that it has gradually established in almost every district of the metropolis an organised body of experienced voluntary workers acquainted with the real wants and circumstances of the neighbourhood, and, aided by an efficient staff of trained paid agents, who have been gradually acquiring skill in the discharge of their duties ; so that in any case of sudden and widespread distress among the working classes, such as is sure to arise in so large a community as London, they may be relied upon to do their work efficiently and economically. There are many indications that such a period of distress is not unlikely to occur this year, owing partly to the depression of trade, and partly, it must be sorrowfully confessed, to the numerous strikes which have lately taken place in various branches of industry, there are large numbers of the working classes already out of work; and there is every reason to fear that they will go on increasing during the winter months. The experience of the past forbids us to doubt that if such a season of distress should unhappily occur, it will call forth public sympathy and liberality in abundant measure ; but the same experience must lead all thoughtful persons interested in the real welfare of the poor, to look forward with dread and appre-

hension to the effect of large sums of money hastily collected and distributed under the influence of excited and sensational feelings. Several of the poorer districts of London have hardly yet recovered from the demoralizing influence of similar action some years ago. It is therefore a matter of gratulation that there should exist beforehand in the districts likely to be affected, organized bodies acquainted with the real circumstances of the neighbourhood, who may allay public excitement, and, if the necessity arises, so administer the public liberality, that it may meet the present distress without so educating the working classes in habits of mendicancy and dependence as to lay up a store of pauperism for future years.

Returning to the work of their own district, the Committee are happy to be able to point to the list of selected cases appended to this Report, as a proof that though their operations have not been as extensive as in former years, they have had no lack of interesting and useful work. They are able to say with feelings of natural gratification, that no deserving case has ever been brought to their notice which they have not been able to deal with effectually, either by relieving it out of their own funds or by referring it to some other agency by which it has been adequately relieved. They have frequent evidence that the relief thus given has been permanently efficient. Many persons whom they have been able to help over a pinch are now in positions of comfort and comparative affluence.

Your Committee cannot close this Report without sincerely thanking those parochial authorities who have kindly co-operated with them either by placing money at their disposal for the purposes of relief, or by themselves relieving persons sent to them by the office. They are also glad to be able to say that though they have not thought it desirable to renew formal overtures to the Board of Guardians, yet they believe that a much more friendly feeling begins to exist, and that they receive ready and most valuable information from the relieving officers, while they on their part are happy to have been able, at the suggestion of those officers, to assist several persons to get off the rates and earn their own living.

DESERVING CASES.

549. L., age 48, wife and one child. Has only occasional employment as a waiter, earning from 8s. to 20s. per week. Wife had been ill twelve months, but now earning 10s. per week for care of offices, but, being in delicate health, is obliged to employ a girl to help her to do the work. The doctor has recommended change of air. References spoke most favourably of husband and wife. Loan of £4 granted, which has been paid off; and a further loan has been granted, and is being repaid.

551. C., age 44, wife and seven children. Applicant works at a printer's, on piece-work, earning 18s. to 20s. per week when in work, but is out of health, and work very slack. Wife earns 2s. per week at bookbinding. Eldest daughter in service; second daughter a servant out of place; three children at school, two youngest children at home. Has had great trouble,—three deaths and three births in three years. Employer and neighbours speak well of the man and his family. Loan of £2 granted, and has been repaid.

606. D., age 41, married, five children. Husband had formerly a good business, but became addicted to drink, and brought his family to utter want; has had two situations since the business was given up, but lost both through habitual drunkenness. His last employer has taken the two eldest sons into his service, and speaks highly of their conduct, and of the character of applicant, to whom the Committee granted 10s. per week until provision could be made for her to earn a living, and a Protection Warrant was obtained by the solicitor of the Society to protect her earnings from her husband.

588. S., age 60, widow. Has had a good business as dress-maker, but, from a severe accident and long illness, has lost her business, and now in distress. References to character being very satisfactory, the Committee obtained applicant's admission into St. Bartholomew's Hospital, and assisted her by grants to the extent of £2 14s., and subsequently by temporary relief until she could procure needlework.

614. W., age 58, married. Husband a boatman at St. Helena; left his wife, and living with another woman. Applicant came over as a nurse on her passage from St. Helena, and was now destitute; stated that she was entitled to an allowance of £10 per annum from her husband's pension. The secretary of the Society having sent a statement of the case to the Governor of St. Helena, it was confirmed, and an arrangement was made for the stoppage of the amount from the pension, and payment thereof made through the Charity Organisation Society in quarterly instalments of 50s.

625. H., age 82, married, two children. Husband out of work; applicant earning about 11s. per week as charwoman, and thinks she could do better if she could procure a mangle. On enquiry, it was found that both applicant and her husband bore good characters, and were considered deserving of aid. He had now got temporary employment. Was in arrears with subscriptions to a Friendly Society. A loan was granted to pay up these arrears, to redeem some articles of clothing, and to obtain a mangle. The amount is being repaid, but slowly, on account of illness.

642. O., age 82, married, three children. Is a hawker of fruit. Earnings have lately not exceeded 12s. per week; has sometimes earned 20s. per week; could do better if he had the means of purchasing a better stock of fruit. Wife had been ill, and recently confined. Applicant bore the character of being a hard-working, steady man, and his wife was well spoken of. The Committee granted 15s. to increase his stock of fruit, and 80s. to redeem clothing from pawn.

658. F., age 84, widow, five children. Earning 10s. per week as charwoman; one son (eldest of the family), 14 years of age, earning 6s. per week. Applicant had been ill two months, and unable to work; ordered by the doctor to go into the Infirmary, but could not leave her children; was now an out-patient, and getting better. Trying to get one son (7 years of age) into the Reedham Asylum for Fatherless Children. Well recommended to the Committee as thoroughly deserving

of assistance, and struggling hard to bring up her family respectably. Grant of 10s. per week allowed for two weeks. A few days afterwards applicant called to say that her boy had been elected to the Reedham Asylum, but could not be admitted without two good suits of clothes. These were provided by the Committee of the Charity Organisation Society.

657. B., age 49, married, five children, the eldest aged 24. Applied for help to go with her family to Manchester, where her husband (a printer) had gone to seek employment, the cost of his journey having been defrayed by his fellow-workmen here. The husband's late employers, for whom he had worked both here and at Manchester, spoke of him as a steady workman, but suffering from rheumatism in the hands, and not likely to be again able to work in his particular branch of the printing trade. The allowance he should have been receiving from a Benefit Society had been lost through a defaulting secretary. Applicant stated that they could live cheaper at Manchester, that her husband was favourably known there, and she could get good work for her two eldest daughters. The expense of the journey of herself and the five children was defrayed partly by the Charity Organisation Society, and partly from a Special Fund for this case.

CASES INVESTIGATED AND FOUND UNDESERVING.

576. F., 40, single. Stated was not able to obtain sufficient work, and applied for a grant to redeem clothes. Was found to be undeserving of assistance.

607. B., 89, single. This case, on enquiry made of Provincial Committee (showing the advantages of intercommunication), was found to be altogether undeserving of aid from the Society, applicant being an idle and dissolute man. Could earn good wages when inclined to work, but his employers could place no dependence upon him. He is believed to have married a second time, well knowing that his first wife was yet living. On applying to the Society for relief he represented himself as a single man.

608. H., 48, married, six children (School Board case). The applicant is a tailor, and his wife works at the same trade. Can earn good wages, but from drunken habits were irregular in their work. Have had to be turned out of their lodgings on account of their quarrelsome behaviour, arising from drink. The references to character most unsatisfactory; assistance, therefore, not given.

648. C., 86, married, four children. The wife applied for a grant, and stated that her husband had been out of work fourteen months; when in employment had been earning 25s. per week, now occasionally employed as a casual labourer. Herself had been an artificial flower maker, but not worked at the trade for several years. On enquiry of the husband's former employers, it was found that he had worked for them about twelve years, and his average earnings had been 80s. per week; but on account of his negligence, and absenting himself through drink, he had been discharged. The case was considered undeserving.

**CLASSIFIED LIST OF CASES DEALT WITH BY THE COMMITTEE
DURING THE YEAR.**

Class I. Dismissed as—

1. Not requiring Relief	...	...	...	...	16
2. Ineligible	...	...	...	...	48
3. Undeserving	...	...	...	...	12
				—	71

Class II. Referred to—

1. The Poor Law	...	...	...	...	50
2. Private Persons	...	...	...	...	19
3. Institutions	...	...	...	...	17
				—	86

Class III.—

1. Grants	...	...	...	...	68
2. Loans	...	...	...	...	46
3. Employment	...	...	...	...	8
4. Letters for Hospitals	...	...	...	...	6
				—	128

Homeless	...	...	...	...	2819
Referred to other Districts	...	...	...	...	128
				—	3222
				—	

Reports sent out on Cases 102

Enquiries made and answered for other Districts 1066

LOANS GRANTED

From 1st October, 1877, to 80th September, 1878.

No.	Occupation.	Family.	Amount.	No.	Occupation.	Family.	Amount.
194...	Charwoman	5 ...	£1 10	571...	Charwoman	1	2 0 0
196...	„	3	2 0	573...	Carman	5	1 0 0
213...	Labourer	7	1 10	579...	Boatswain	5	1 0 0
258...	Tailoress	2	1 0	580...	Tie Maker	1	2 0 0
324...	Labourer	2	4 0	581...	Sempstress	6	2 9 6
421...	Painter	3	1 0	591...	Fruit Seller	4	1 10 0
443...	Charwoman	5	2 0	592...	Clerk	3	2 10 0
455...	Whitesmith	3	1 0	594...	Sempstress	5	1 0 0
496...	Costermonger	3	1 0	597...	Porter	3	1 10 0
497...	Laundress	5 Mangle.		601...	Laundress	2	2 0 0
500...	Sempstress	7	1 0	605...	Shoemaker	8	2 0 0
510...	Carpenter	5	2 0	613...	Laundress	2	2 0 0
516...	Umbrella Maker	1	1 0	615...	Tailoress	6	1 13 0
517...	„	1 ..	10 0	„ ..	„ .....	.....	Sew. Mac.
518...	Cabinet Maker.....	5	5 0	617...	Sempstress	5	1 10 0
519...	Postman	8	2 0	625...	Laundress	4 ..	{ 1 0 0 & Mangle.
525...	Tailoress	1	2 0	635...	„	6	2 10 0
534...	Labourer	6	2 0	641...	Tailoress	2	Sew. Mac.
535...	„	10	2 0	646...	Porter	5	2 0 0
549...	Waiter	3	4 0	655...	Charwoman	1	1 10 0
551...	Printer	9	2 0	663...	Sempstress	4	1 10 0
555...	Tailor	8	3 0	666...	Artificial Florist...	8	3 0 0
558...	Umbrella Maker	7	2 0	671...	Tailor	3	2 0 0
560...	Cooper	4	3 0	681...	Pianoforte Maker	5	3 0 0
562...	Sempstress	7 ...	3 0	614...	Servant	1	2 10 0
564...	Bookbinder	7	2 0				
568...	Office Cleaner.....	1 ...	£0 12 0				

RENEWED LOANS.

No.	Occupation.	Family.	Amount.	No.	Occupation.	Family.	Amount.
196...	Charwoman	3 ..	£2 0	516...	Umbrella Maker	1 ...	£1 10
443...	„	5	2 0	549...	Waiter	3	4 0
455...	Whitesmith	3	1 0	579...	Boatswain	5	1 0

From 1st October, 1877, to 30th September, 1878.

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October, 1878.

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I.—To bring into harmonious co-operation with each other and with the Poor-law authorities the various charitable agencies and individuals in the district, and thus effectually to check the evils of ‘overlapping’ relief caused by simultaneous but independent action.

II.—To investigate thoroughly the cases of all applicants for charitable relief, whether they are referred to the offices for inquiry and report, or whether they apply of their own accord.

III.—To place gratuitously at the disposal of all charitable agencies and private persons the investigating machinery of the Committees of the Society, and to send, to persons having a legitimate interest in cases, full reports of the results of the investigations made.

IV.—To obtain from the proper charities, or from charitable individuals, suitable and adequate relief for deserving cases.

V.—To assist from its own funds, and as far as possible in the form of loans, all suitable cases for which adequate assistance cannot be obtained from other sources.

VI.—To repress mendicity by the above means, by the gratuitous distribution of Investigation Tickets, and by the prosecution of impostors.

VII.—To afford to the public at large information regarding the objects and mode of working of existing charities.

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THE SHOREDITCH COMMITTEE OF THE CHARITY ORGANISATION SOCIETY FOR 1878.

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THE Committee beg to present the Seventh Annual Report, together with the Balance Sheet and tabulated statement of the work of the year, to which the attention of their subscribers is invited.

They would take this opportunity of reminding the public that the Charity Organisation is not primarily a Relief Society, but an inquiring or investigating one, and that relief only is afforded in cases which present a fair and reasonable prospect of receiving permanent benefit. The case of a person coming or being sent to the office is investigated ; if it should appear that his distress is occasioned by improvident or intemperate habits, relief would not be recommended. But when it appears that the distress is caused by sickness or other casualty, and that help either by loan or gift would probably restore the applicant to comfort and resumption of work, the Society uses its best efforts to obtain the necessary assistance. Complaints have occasionally been made by persons sending applicants who have been dismissed without the help of the Society, but they may be assured that there are good grounds for such decisions, the causes of which they can learn for themselves if they desire it.

Subscribers and other residents can be supplied with investigation tickets for distribution among those whom they may be interested, or among the applicants for relief, personally unknown to them.

The Committee would like to see the number of their subscribers increased,—as the office work is carried on by a committee of gentlemen, who would heartily welcome the addition of fresh members, and by one paid agent. This person, Mr. J. Harris, has during the last month been appointed, owing

to the vacancy by death of his predecessor. The Committee regret to report the death of their agent, Mr. Fulcher, who had occupied the position for six years, almost from their first appointment, and they believe that they will have in Mr. Harris the services of an efficient, kind, and discriminating officer.

The work of the Society, which is carried on through one Head Office and 37 District Offices in the metropolis, touches the interest of all classes of the community, for it aims at exposing and keeping down imposture, as well as promoting the well-being of the industrious and thrifty, for which reasons it claims the sympathy and support of the public.

October, 1878.

EXTRACTS FROM CASES INVESTIGATED.

CLASS 1.—*Dismissed as not requiring Relief*.—No. 2764.—C. C.—A widow with 3 children, had been a widow only three weeks, applied for a sewing machine. Application declined on the ground of her having received on her husband's death £22 10s., from club and firm.

As Undeserving.—No. 2780.—J. L.—A man with a wife and 2 children, applied for a loan to buy materials. On being visited the landlady reported that the man had been arrested on a charge of forgery.

As Ineligible.—No. 2706.—S. D.—Age 55, a widow, with no children, applied for assistance. She bore a respectable character. The Committee thought that, as she was an able-bodied woman, she ought to maintain herself.

CLASS 2.—*Recommended to private person*.—No. 2765.—H. A.—A man, aged 60, married, one daughter at home suffering from pleurisy; recommended by the doctor for nourishment, which a member of the Committee undertook to supply.

CLASS 3.—*Assisted by Grants*.—No. 2490.—W. G.—Age 67, and wife, hawker. A grant of 20s. was given to him to get a stock of earthenware, his previous stock having been destroyed through an accident.

No. 2748.—E. A. J.—A widow, age 40. A grant of 26s. was allowed, being at the rate of 2s. per week towards the maintenance of her child, who was in a hospital with a diseased hip.

By Loans.—No. 2715.—F. B.—A single woman, age 22, having a situation to go to in Wales, asked for assistance for clothes and fare. A loan of 40s., which was supplemented by the gift of 20s., was granted. The loan is being repaid.

**TABULAR STATEMENT OF CASES DEALT WITH
BY THE COMMITTEE BETWEEN OCTOBER 1,
1877, AND SEPTEMBER 30, 1878.**

CLASS 1.—DISMISSED, OR UNFAVOURABLY REPORTED ON, AS—

1. Not requiring relief.	24
2. Undeserving	18
3. Cases for Poor-Law or otherwise ineligible	105
Total	— 147

CLASS II.—RECOMMENDED TO—

1. The Guardians	0
2. Institutions or Local Agencies	18
3. Private Persons	113
Total	— 131

CLASS III.—ASSISTED BY—

1. Grants	50
2. Loans	18
3. Employment	0
4. Letters for Hospitals, &c.	8
Total	— 76

Grand Total 354

Reports sent out	94
Inquiries for other Committees	242
Vagrants dealt with	1
Referred to other Committees	1
— 338	

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Occupation of Applicants classified according to their respective Callings.

Artificial Flower Makers ..	4	Lath Makers	1
Bag Makers	1	Machinists	3
Bakers	3	Mangle Makers	1
Ball Makers	1	Mangling	5
Basket Makers	1	Marble Polishers	1
Bedstead Makers	1	Mason	1
Blacksmiths	2	Matchbox Makers	2
Bonnet Makers	9	Milliners	2
Bookbinders	2	Moulders	2
Bookfolders	2	Musicians	2
Book-keepers	1	Needlewomen	19
Boot Finishers	3	No Occupation	13
Boot and Shoe Makers	14	Nurses	1
Box Makers	4	Opticians	1
Braziers	1	Packingcase Makers	1
Bricklayers	2	Painters	8
Brush Makers	1	Paperhangers	1
Cabinet Makers	11	Paper Makers and Stainers..	1
Cabmen	2	Paste Fitter	1
Canvassers	1	Patent Firewood Makers ..	1
Carmen	3	Photographers	1
Carpenters	2	Pianoforte Makers	1
Carvers	4	Plasterers	3
Chair Makers	3	Plumbers	1
Charing and Washing	33	Porters	4
Clerks	2	Potmen	1
Coach Trimmers	1	Printers	6
Commission Agent	1	Sail Makers	1
Cook and Waiters	3	Sailors	2
Costermongers	6	Schoolmistresses	1
Designers	2	Servants	6
Dressmakers	6	Stokers	1
Drill Master	1	Surgical Instrument Makers	1
Engineers	2	Tailors	9
Feather Makers	1	Telegraph Instrument Maker	1
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Furdressers	4	Tinmen	1
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Grooms	2	Umbrella Makers	2
Hairdressers	2	Upholsterers	2
Hatters	3	Warehousemen	3
Hawkers	14	Weavers	1
Jewellers	2	Watchmen	1
Labourers	47		
Lace Dressers	2		
		Total	354

Table showing the proportion of the 354 Resident Applicants who have at any time subscribed to a Benefit Club or Benefit Society.

Members of Clubs at the time of Application	55
Ditto 'Trades' Societies or Unions	3
Have been Members, but from various causes have been erased ..	6
Never Subscribed to any Club or Society	290

Total 354

Condition of Applicants.

Married	223	Single Men	12
Widowers	8	Single Women	17
Widows	94	Total	354

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III.—To place gratuitously at the disposal of all charitable agencies and private persons the investigating machinery of the Committees of the Society, and to send to persons having a legitimate interest in cases full reports of the result of the investigations made.

IV.—To obtain from the proper charities, or from charitable individuals, suitable and adequate relief for deserving cases.

V.—To assist from its own funds, and as far as possible in the form of loans, all suitable cases for which adequate assistance cannot be obtained from other sources.

VI.—To repress mendicity by the above means, by the gratuitous distribution of Investigation Tickets, and by the prosecution of impostors.

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REPORT.

THE tabular statements appended to this report will shew the nature and extent of the work in which the Bethnal Green Committee of the Charity Organisation Society have been engaged during the year ending 30th September, 1878.

. It will be seen that the Committee have dealt with 345 cases, of which 144 were cases brought under their notice by the School Board authorities. The number of School Board cases dealt with by this Committee is higher than the number dealt with by any other Committee. Of these 144 School Board cases 55 were relieved out of Mr. Peek's gift, and the others were decided not to require relief, as being either cases for the Poor Law, or cases undeserving of relief, or as being otherwise ineligible. Of the remaining 201 cases 21 were relieved by grants, 9 by loans, and 3 by letters for hospitals; 53 were recommended to charitable persons or institutions for relief, and the remaining 115 cases were considered not to require relief.

Referring again to the tabular statement of cases dealt with, it will be observed that 204 were dismissed, 53 were recommended to charitable persons, and 88 were relieved by the Committee: in other words, four-sevenths of the cases were found not to require relief at all, and of the remainder one-third could be relieved by existing charitable institutions. These figures are in themselves sufficient to

shew the value of a society able first to investigate the cases, and afterwards to bring deserving applicants into communication with existing institutions established to meet their cases.

During the year ending September, 1877, 552 cases were dealt with at an expenditure of £314, or about 11s. 3d. per case. During the year ending September, 1878, 345 cases have been dealt with at an expenditure of £363, or about £1 per case. As in the two years the proportion of cases relieved to those dismissed did not materially differ, the committee think it right to call attention to this increase of expense per case. The increase in expense must be attributed principally to the marked diminution in the number of cases—363 as opposed to 552—while the expenses of the office remain the same. It will also be observed that, during the past year, the relief has chiefly been given in the form of special contributions from private persons to meet particular cases. Such relief is generally more ample than the relief given by a society whose funds are limited. Unfortunately, the funds of the Charity Organisation Society are in comparison with their work *very* limited. The amount of grants by the Bethnal Green Committee during the past year has been only £12 5s. 6d., while in the year ending September, 1877, they amounted to £59 16s. 1d., and in the year ending September, 1876, to £55 4s. 1d. This is partly in consequence of the Committee being fully aware of the inability of the Council to supply sufficient funds to meet the many deserving cases which come before the Committee. The Committee have therefore used every effort to meet the cases otherwise than by grants, the members on many occasions providing the funds themselves, and thus swelling the amount of contributions under the head of special cases. But the Committee cannot hope to continue to keep down this item, the less so as, owing to the depression of trade, the number of applications is likely to be higher this year than last.

The Committee have now two honorary secretaries. One of these gentlemen devotes his attention particularly to the financial depart-

ment, and under his auspices the system of accounts has been improved. The thanks of the Committee are due to their chairman, who has taken also the post of treasurer, to the auditors, to their representatives at the Council, to their secretaries, and finally to their agent.

The Committee are glad to be able to report that there is no variation in their friendly relations with the Board of Guardians, and that the mutual confidence of the Council and the Committee continues.

In conclusion, the Committee desire to remind their fellow parishioners that the collection of funds by a collector was discontinued because it was not sufficiently productive to pay the expenses of collection: not because the Committee are not in need of funds. Funds are urgently needed, not for office expenses, but for the absolute relief of distressing cases. The Committee are so satisfied of the benefit resulting from the administration of charity with judgment, that they earnestly ask their richer neighbours to shew their confidence in the work by giving that pecuniary aid without which it cannot be carried on efficiently.

ILLUSTRATIVE CASES.

UNDESERVING.

CASE 2501.—A man and wife. Man applied to the magistrate for relief, and stated that he had been in the workhouse infirmary. Was sent from there to Poplar, and put to stone breaking, which his health would not allow him to do. Discharged himself October 12th, 1877, and the same day attempted to commit suicide by throwing himself into the canal at Queen's Road, Dalston. Was taken before the magistrate, and was remanded for one week, and finally discharged,

and sent to the Society's office. Inquiry proved that both man and woman were much given to drink. The woman had also left her husband, and went to live with a German baker: she had lately gone back to her husband. The home was very wretched—hardly a thing in the place.

INELIGIBLE.

CASE 2504.—A widow and two children, sent by the School Board. Husband been dead four months; he kept a timber yard in Bethnal Green. Applicant only earning 5s. a week, asked for boots for children. Upon enquiry it was found that the applicant's late husband had a large sum of money left him (over £1,000), which he spent in drink, &c., in two years, and when he died left his wife and family without a penny. Wife also used to drink. The man died in a dreadful state, running alive with vermin.

Referred to Charitable Agency.

CASE 2576.—A man, wife, and three children. Man been ill ten months, then in London Hospital. Applicant stated that she had parted with nearly all her things to live. The case was found to be a most deserving one, and four members of the Committee gave 10s. a week for four weeks. In the meantime the man was discharged from the Hospital, and was able to resume his work.

Referred to the Guardians.

CASE 2496.—The applicant is a widow, with five children; one of the children in the Orthopædic Hospital. Upon enquiry the case was found deserving. The case was referred to the Parish, and the Guardians allow 3s. and three loaves per week, and this Committee paid 2s. 6d. a week for twenty-five weeks to keep the child at the

hospital. The child is recovering, and the mother is trying to get a living at artificial flower making. The family are not now having relief.

Assisted by Grants.

CASE 2746.—A widow and three children. The husband had been dead eight months, and his widow applied for help to get a mangle—a thoroughly respectable case. The Committee gave £1 and obtained £2 from the magistrate. The applicant collected among her friends £4. The mangle was bought, and the applicant is now able to maintain herself and family.

Assisted by Loans.

CASE 2610.—This was the case of a man who had been Treasurer to the *Operative Bricklayers' Benefit Society*. One night his house was broken into, and he was robbed of the money he had in hand—about £10. He paid £5 and the Committee lent him £4, which has been repaid. The applicant is a teetotaller, and in every way respectable.

TABULAR STATEMENT OF CASES DEALT WITH BY THE
COMMITTEE BETWEEN OCTOBER 1ST, 1877, AND
SEPTEMBER 30TH, 1878.

CLASS I.—*Dismissed, or unfavourably reported on, as—*

1. Not requiring relief	39	
2. Undeserving	20	
3. Cases for Poor-Law, or otherwise ineligible	145	
Total		204

CLASS II.—*Recommended to—*

1. The Guardians	3	
2. Institutions or Local Agencies	22	
3. Private Persons	28	
Total		53

CLASS III.—*Assisted by—*

1. Grants	76	
2. Loans	9	
3. Employment	0	
4. Letters for Hospitals, &c.	3	
Total		88

Grand Total		<u>345</u>
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Reports sent out	181
Inquiries for other Committees	129
Vagrants dealt with	1
Referred to other Committees	49

TABLE SHEWING THE PROPORTION OF THE 345 RESIDENT
APPLICANTS WHO HAVE SUBSCRIBED TO A BENEFIT
CLUB (including Trade and Benefit Clubs).

Members of a Club at the time of application	45
Never subscribed to any Club	<u>300</u>
Total	<u>345</u>

BALANCE SHEET OF PERMANENT LOAN FUND FOR THE SAME PERIOD AS ABOVE.

LOANS REPAID.		£	s.	d.
To Total Amount contributed to the Fund since its commencement*	.. ..	44	9	6
Balances of Unpaid Loans, September 30th, 1877*		22	6	6
* These items not included in the Total.				
Balances at Bank and in Hand, September 30th, 1877	.. ..	22	3	0
Repayment of Loans since September 30th, 1877		9	3	6
		£31	6	6

LOANS GRANTED.		£	s.	d.
By Loans granted since September 30th, 1877	.. ..	21	0	0
Balances at Bank and in Hand (not including £24 3 0, amount of Loans unpaid on September 30th, 1878	.. ..	20	6	6
		£31	6	6

Audited and found correct,

SIGNED { H. J. BLISS.
P. J. DIXON, Jun.

October 4th, 1878.

SOCIETY FOR
ORGANISING CHARITABLE RELIEF AND
REPRESSING MENDICITY

WHITECHAPEL COMMITTEE

SIXTH
ANNUAL REPORT
1877-8

OFFICE
194 COMMERCIAL ROAD, E.

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OBJECTS.

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I.—To bring into harmonious co-operation with each other and with the Poor Law authorities the various charitable agencies and individuals in the district, and thus effectually to check the evils of ‘overlapping’ relief caused by simultaneous but independent action.

II.—To investigate thoroughly the cases of all applicants for charitable relief, whether they are referred to the offices for inquiry and report, or whether they apply of their own accord.

III.—To place gratuitously at the disposal of all charitable agencies and private persons the investigating machinery of the Committees of the Society, and to send, to persons having a legitimate interest in cases, full reports of the results of the investigations made.

IV.—To obtain from the proper charities, or from charitable individuals, suitable and adequate relief for deserving cases.

V.—To assist from its own funds, and as far as possible in the form of loans, all suitable cases *for which adequate assistance cannot be obtained from other sources.*

VI.—To repress mendicity by the above means, by the gratuitous distribution of Investigation Tickets, and by the prosecution of impostors.

VII.—To afford to the public at large information regarding the objects and mode of working of existing charities.

VIII.—To promote, as far as possible, the general welfare of the poor by means of social and sanitary reforms, and by the inculcation of habits of providence and self-dependence.

REPORT.

THE work of the Committee has been carried on steadily during the past year, and, in some respects, shows satisfactory marks of progress. A reference to the Appendix will show that the number of applicants for relief slightly increased during the year, while the number of applications dismissed on various grounds bore a rather smaller proportion to the whole; and the number of applicants relieved by or through the Committee was 230 in the year just closed, as against 179 in the preceding year.

As might be expected in a time of commercial depression, a rather unusual number of requests were made to the Committee for help in finding employment. This demand it is always difficult and often impossible to meet. In 14 cases the efforts of the committee were successful. Vagrancy, it may be remarked, has almost disappeared, so far as this Committee is concerned, only four cases having been dealt with during the year.

The balance sheet of the Committee shows that the sum received by donations and subscriptions has increased by about £12. On the other hand, the office expenses have decreased by about £30, and may be said to have reached their minimum.

In estimating the amount of pecuniary relief administered by the Committee during the year, it should be borne in mind that, besides the items which appear in the balance sheet, the large sum of £184. 19s. 10d. has been subscribed by members of Committee and others, either privately, or from funds under their control, to meet the needs of special cases as they arose. Such relief, moreover, is often continued to the deserving long after they have passed from the cognisance of the Committee. Nor should it be forgotten that the Society aims at doing good in

many other ways besides giving pecuniary help. Its peculiar object is that in every case which it undertakes to relieve, relief should be adequate and well adjusted, the best in kind and in degree.

The Committee gratefully acknowledge the kind and valuable co-operation which they have received from the clergy, the Board of Guardians, and other charitable persons and agencies, among which may be specially named the Tower Hamlets Pension Committee, the Society for Relief of Distress, and the Metropolitan Association for Befriending Young Women, of which a branch has recently been opened in the vestry of St. Jude's Church, Whitechapel. Such co-operation is the special aim of the Society, and this Committee can only regret that, in this direction, so much still remains to be done. It is greatly to be hoped that, when the Society's well-known principles, of combining organisation and investigation with adequate and discriminating relief in all deserving and eligible cases, are more widely understood and appreciated, this defect will be made good.

The Committee earnestly invite the charitable public to make a larger use of their services, and to give them in all ways a more cordial support.

RETURNS FOR THE YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1878.

CLASS I.—DISMISSED, OR UNFAVOURABLY REPORTED ON, AS—

1. Not requiring relief	63
2. Undeserving	40
3. Cases for Poor-Law, or otherwise ineligible	145
Total	— 248

CLASS II.—RECOMMENDED TO—

1. The Guardians	8
2. Institutions or Local Agencies	69
3. Private Persons	78
Total	— 155

CLASS III.—ASSISTED BY—

1. Grants	24
2. Loans	13
3. Employment	14
4. Letters for Hospitals, &c.	24
Total	— 75
Grand Total	478

Reports sent out whether on above cases or not	249
Inquiries for other Committees	242
Vagrants dealt with	4

ILLUSTRATIVE CASES.

1.—REJECTED.

A. *Undeserving*.—2031. A middle-aged, single woman, who professed to live by needlework, asked for a grant of money to buy material. Her father, who had died many years before, had been in a good position. She stated that she was in great poverty, earning only 3s. a week. She appeared neat and respectable, and favourably impressed the Committee. Investigation, however, proved that she was one of a dissolute and intemperate family, that she herself had been guilty of illegal pawning, and was the mother of several illegitimate children.

168. A German, who professed to have been an importer of French eggs, and to have been ruined by the recent war, applied for relief, stating himself to be quite destitute. He proved to be a man of infamous character, intemperate, immoral, and very extravagant when he had the means. He had deserted his wife, and lived with another woman, whom he treated so shamefully that she at last left him.

B. *Ineligible*.—2,056. A cabinet maker, with a wife and two children dependent on him, applied for relief. He had not been able to obtain any work for six months, and had no prospect of any. The home was untidy, and in a most destitute state. It seemed to the Committee hopeless to deal with such a case privately, and that it must be left to the operation of the Poor Law.

2,271. The wife of a shoemaker applied for relief during her husband's illness, and for clothing for her children. The man was suffering from abscesses, and had been unable to work for some time. There seemed no immediate prospect of his recovery. The home was very dirty and untidy, and the children needed food and clothing. The Committee made their help conditional upon two of the children being sent to the parish schools, as their parents could not maintain them at home in decency. The woman declined this, and the Committee did not, therefore, undertake relief.

C. *Not Requiring Relief*.—2,030. A woman asked for help in providing boots to enable her two children to attend school. She admitted that her husband was in full work. A son, who lived at home, also earned 6s. a week, and some relations, who boarded and lodged in the house, paid her £1 a week. It afterwards appeared that she was not married.

2.—ASSISTED.

A. By Private Persons.—2,028. A married man, age 36 asked for help in obtaining employment, declining to apply for charity in any other form. He was in very delicate health. Both he and his wife received an excellent character on all hands. Unfortunately, just as the Committee had succeeded in finding him work, he became seriously ill, and shortly afterwards died, leaving a wife and three children without adequate support. As it appeared that the widow might probably in a few weeks obtain a pew-opener's place, the Committee made her a temporary allowance of 5s. a week. She obtained the post, and the Guardians, on the recommendation of the Committee, admitted two children to the parish schools.

2,006. An elderly woman, of great respectability, and incapacitated for work by growing infirmities, asked for a weekly allowance. The Committee recommended her to a local Pension Committee, giving her adequate interim relief. The Pension Committee agreed to allow her a weekly sum, on condition that a relation, who seemed well able to contribute, should do the same. This he at length consented to do, and the applicant is no longer in want.

B. By Loan.—2,009. A young married labourer, whose wife had recently been confined, and who was himself temporarily unable to work, owing to a sprained leg, asked for a loan of £1 to maintain him until he could resume work. The character was very good, and adequate security was offered. The loan was accordingly granted, and was duly repaid.

C. By Institutions.—1,999. A bricklayer's labourer, age 53, was recommended to the Committee. He had met with an accident, and had just left the hospital, not yet fit for work. His wife was also very delicate, and unable to do hard work. Their home was very clean, and they received an excellent character. A weekly allowance was made to the wife, whilst her husband was sent to a seaside convalescent home. He returned in renewed health, and was able to resume work.

D. By Employment.—2,187. A very respectable man, a porter, who had been in one place for twenty years, had been thrown out of work, and reduced to great distress, owing to his employer retiring from business. He had a wife and two children dependent on him. He applied to the Committee for help, and by them was recommended to a local firm, where he obtained employment.

BALANCE SHEET.

DR. GENERAL FUND for the Year commencing October 1, 1877, and ending September 30, 1878.

CR.

RECEIVED.	£	s.	d.	PAID.	£	s.	d.
To Annual Subscriptions and Donations	.	.	84 16 0	By Balance due to Treasurer, Sept. 30, 1877.	13	13	0
" Contributions for Special Cases	.	.	1 8 0	" Rent for four quarters, Rates and Taxes	2	1	4
" Contributions for School Board Cases	.	.	22 1 1	" Fuel and Light	.	.	0 5 9
" Grants made by the Council	.	.	90 0 0	" Repairs and Fittings	.	.	91 0 0
" St. George's Committee, Half Cost of Reporter, C. O. S.	0	2	6	" Salaries	.	.	9 4 2
				" Stationery and Office Books	.	.	0 2 3
				" Printing	.	.	9 5 10½
				" Postage	.	.	2 10 0
				" Incidental Expenses	.	.	
				" Aids by Contributions to Special Cases	128	2	4½
				" " " School Board Cases	2	6	5
				" " " Grants	25	3	3
				" " " Balance in hand, September 30, 1878	22	2	7
					7	15	11½
					£198	7	7

PERMANENT LOAN FUND for the same period as above.

LOANS REPAYED.	£	s.	d.	LOANS GRANTED.	£	s.	d.
To Repayment of Loans since September 30, 1877	.	.	32 9 0	By Balance due to Treasurer, September 30, 1877	.	.	3 1 7
				" Loans granted since September 30, 1877	.	.	16 15 0
				" Balances at Bank and in hand on September 30, 1878	.	.	13 12 5
					£32	9	0

Examined and found correct.

R. M. STRAIGHT.

ARTHUR WEDGWOOD, Hon. Sec.

November 15, 1878.

Total Amount contributed to the Fund since its commencement	£	s.	d.
Amount due to Treasurer	47	15	0
	8	1	7
Balance of Unrepaid Loans, September 30, 1877	22	2	7

SOCIETY FOR
ORGANISING CHARITABLE RELIEF AND
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ST. GEORGE'S EAST COMMITTEE

FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT

SEPTEMBER 30, 1878

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FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT.

DURING the past year the Committee have carried on their work on the old lines. Their object is well known. Believing that the poor as a class are rather injured than benefited by habits of uninquiring and indiscriminate almsgiving, they desire to give prominence to the principle that the strongest of all recommendations to assistance in the present is the evidence of honesty, thrift, and industry in the past; while, on the other hand, to encourage the drunken, lazy, and improvident by a careless bestowal of charitable doles is positively injurious. Once more, then, they invite the benevolent residents of the parish to make use of their organisation: to contribute to the funds of the Committee by subscriptions which, if desired, will be expended wholly in direct relief; and to entrust the Committee with letters for hospitals and institutions of every kind, especially for convalescent homes, which are often greatly needed. The Committee may refer with satisfaction to the cordial relations maintained with the Guardians of the Poor, with whose officers they are in almost daily communication. Sometimes the Committee have their eye on respectable persons, chiefly women, whom they would be able to recommend for responsible posts requiring well-approved character. The tabular statement of cases shows all those dealt with by the Committee during the year; but the balance sheet is not intended to show the whole of the money expended in relief. It accounts only for grants from the Committee's own funds, and for those moneys placed in their hands for purposes defined by the donors. The total amount of help given on their recommendation is very much larger, viz. in annual pensions, £201; by private persons in various cases of distress, £110; by the almoners of the Society for the Relief of Distress, £78. These three sums, added to the grants and loans

from the general funds of the Committee, will show a total of £480 applied in the direct relief of distress, against a total for organising purposes of £135. Even this does not include certain sums which are known to be given by private benevolence or by institutions in accordance with the recommendation of the Committee in past years. The Committee feel much pleasure in presenting these figures, which may be taken as a proof that the habit of careful investigation is consistent with as large a proportion of actual relief as could be expected under any system.

APPENDIX.

I.—TABULAR STATEMENT OF CASES DEALT WITH BY THE COMMITTEE BETWEEN OCTOBER 1, 1877, AND SEPTEMBER 30, 1878.

CLASS I.—DISMISSED, OR UNFAVOURABLY REPORTED ON, AS—

1. Not requiring relief	46
2. Undeserving	15
3. Cases for Poor Law, or otherwise ineligible.	139
Total	200

CLASS II.—RECOMMENDED TO—

1. The Guardians	8
2. Institutions or Local Agencies	130
3. Private persons	56
Total	194

CLASS III.—ASSISTED BY

1. Grants	32
2. Loans	34
3. Employment	38
4. Letters for hospitals &c.	37
Total	141

Grand Total 535

Reports sent out 188

Inquiries for other Committees 222

N.B.—Twenty-three applicants were sent by the School Board Officers, of whom seven were assisted. Twenty-two applicants were in Voluntary Benefit Clubs at the date of their application.

Statement of RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURE from 1st October 1877 to 30th September 1878.

GENERAL ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.
To Donations	47	1	0
" Subscriptions	2	1	6
" Donations for Special Cases	32	8	0
" Grants from Council	132	10	0
" Repaid by Council on account of money expended from Mr. Peek's Fund	16	8	9
" Sale of wall papers	0	1	11
" From Tower Hamlets Pension Committee	46	7	0
" Additional Donation	10	0	0
" Advanced by the Hon. Sec.	7	16	2

£293 14 4

EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.
By Rent	13	13	0
" Salary of Agent	100	0	0
" Fuel and Light	2	3	11
" Stationery and Office Books	4	11	10
" Printing	2	18	0
" Postage	6	16	2
" Incidental Expenses	5	18	7
" Grants	24	1	9
" Mr. Peek's Gift	16	0	4
" Tower Hamlets Pension Committee	47	17	0
" Donations for Special Cases	28	18	10
" Repaid to Loan Account	2	10	1
" Advanced to Loan Account	27	12	6
" Balance in Bank (Pension Account).	11	12	4

£293 14 4

N.B.—A Special Fund has been opened at the Office, the whole of which will be applied to the direct relief of the Poor, without deduction. During the past year, the assistance from private sources has largely increased, and the total amount expended in relief was upwards of £480.

LOAN ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
By Balance	8 7 1	To Loans made	70 7 0
" Loans Repaid	31 17 4		
" Repaid by General Account	2 10 1		
To Balance borrowed from General Account	27 12 6		
	<u>£70 7 0</u>		<u>70 7 0</u>

Examined and found correct.

E. COOMBE, Auditor.

J. A. WILLIAMS, Hon. Sec.

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Since the close of the past year, when the Annual Report was written, the unusual severity of the weather, following upon a long-continued depression in almost every branch of trade, has greatly aggravated the distress which is always more or less prevalent during the winter months. In consequence of this, the number of applications at our office for assistance has very largely increased, as will be seen by the following comparison between 1878 and 1879.

	1878.	1879.
New cases	49	190
Recurrent	37	68
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Total ...	86	258

154 of these have been relieved.

60 ,, ,, rejected.

18 had not, at the end of February, been before the Committee.

26 had been temporarily dealt with, but were having their investigation completed.

Total... 258

On these cases £144 has been expended by the Committee, besides a considerable amount by private individuals to whom cases have been referred.

A large proportion of these applications were made by persons who do not ordinarily apply for charitable help of any kind; but slackness of work during many months past had gradually diminished their resources, so that when the pinch of absolute cessation for more than one week came at last, they were in many instances on the verge of starvation.

In ordinary times, the Committee decline to assist able-bodied men temporarily out of work; for if such a practice became general, it would be extremely injurious to the interests of the

working men themselves. It would, in the first place, tend to lower their wages, as all such supplementation of wages must necessarily do. Secondly, it would diminish the inducement to exert themselves in seeking for employment, and thus foster idleness and pauperism. Thirdly, it would discourage providence and thrift, by placing those who had made no provision against a rainy day on a par with those who had.

But sufferers from the causes which have brought about the present exceptional depression of trade, and which could not easily have been foreseen or guarded against by them, have been regarded as proper objects of assistance, wherever such *prima facie* evidence of good character and thrift as could be supplied by inquiries on the spot, and the inspection of the home, have been forthcoming. Help has been given under these conditions pending the completion of the necessary investigation; and the result has been that, although in a very few instances undeserving persons have obtained and abused our aid, a large number of steady and industrious men, whom it was most desirable to prevent from becoming paupers, have been tided over a time of difficulty.

OBJECTS.

THE Objects of the Society for Organising Charitable Relief and Repressing Mendicity may be stated in the following terms :—

I.—To bring into harmonious co-operation with each other and with the Poor Law authorities the various charitable agencies and individuals in the District, and thus effectually to check the evils of ‘overlapping’ relief caused by simultaneous but independent action.

II.—To investigate thoroughly the cases of all applicants for charitable relief, whether they are referred to the offices for inquiry and report, or whether they apply of their own accord.

III.—To place gratuitously at the disposal of all charitable agencies and private persons the investigating machinery of the Committees of the Society, and to send to persons having a legitimate interest in cases full reports of the result of the investigations made.

IV.—To obtain from the proper charities, or from charitable individuals, suitable and adequate relief for deserving cases.

V.—To assist from its own funds, and as far as possible in the form of loans, all suitable cases, for which adequate assistance cannot be obtained from other sources.

VI.—To repress mendicity by the above means, by the gratuitous distribution of Investigation Tickets, and by the prosecution of impostors.

VII.—To afford to the public at large information regarding the objects and mode of working of existing charities.

VIII.—To promote, as far as possible, the general welfare of the poor by means of social and sanitary reforms, and by the inculcation of habits of providence and self-dependence.

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December 1878.

REPORT.

IN presenting their fifth Annual Report, the Committee desire in the first instance to call attention to the figures showing the number of cases dealt with during the past year, in total and in their separate classifications, and to the conclusion to be drawn from these statistics; the rather since a cursory glance at the tabular statement, in comparison with those of previous years, might lead to a very mistaken impression.

The number of cases dealt with during the past year (excluding those which come under the headings of 'vagrants' and 'referred to other Committees') has been 361, as against 496 for the previous year. If the numbers under each of the three heads under which the cases are classified were in the same ratio to one another as in last year's Report, there would be a reasonable ground for some dissatisfaction in regard to the result of this year's work, as indicating an appreciable diminution in the activity and the usefulness of the labours of the Committee in this district. A comparison of the totals of the separate classes leads, however, to a very different conclusion.

In last year's Report the cases dismissed as undeserving or ineligible (Class I.) were 318, those recommended to institutions or private persons (Class II.) 138, and those assisted by the Committee in various manners (Class III.) 40. During the past year the numbers have been: Class I., 178; Class II., 122; Class III., 61.

It will thus be seen that the diminution in numbers falls almost entirely under the first head of cases which from various causes were ineligible; that the diminution in Class II. is but small; and that Class III. shows an increase of more than one-third in the number of deserving cases assisted by the Committee, in comparison with the figures under the same head in

the previous year. The positive results of their labours are therefore decidedly in advance of what they have hitherto been able to report : it is in the negative results that the diminution is to be noted.

The obvious conclusion from these statistics appears to be that the searching nature of the inquiry instituted into the case of all applicants, becoming better known in the district, has had a deterrent effect upon those who have been conscious that their cases would not bear such investigation, and that they have preferred the more profitable occupation of trading upon the impulses of the so-called benevolent persons who are more ready to relieve the obvious incidents of distress than to take the trouble of inquiring into the causes of it, or of considering whether they are not, in their unthinking charity, perpetuating distress and immorality. It cannot certainly be matter for congratulation that applicants of this description have eluded the investigation of the Committee and thereby retained their opportunities for preying on the community ; but it is natural that they should endeavour to do so, and quite impossible that the Committee can of their own power compel such persons to submit to investigation. The remedy lies entirely in the hands of the class who are appealed to for charity, and who are hereby earnestly entreated, on the broadest grounds of public interest, to make use of the system of investigation which the Committee of the Charity Organisation Society freely places at their disposal, and which furnishes to everyone who will so use it the opportunity of so applying charitable aid that it shall not be abused by those who have no claim for such assistance, who are reaping the inevitable harvest of idleness, improvidence, or vice ; and that it shall afford to those who really have a claim for assistance, permanent help, rather than mere temporary and often illusory relief.

In reply to those who think there is a special beauty in what may be termed 'gushing philanthropy,' and who are read (generally without much inquiry) to stigmatise the system of the Charity Organisation Society as cold and unfeeling, let it be said, on the other hand, that in the cases where investigation has proved that assistance was thoroughly deserved, there has been, in the relations established between the Committee and many of the applicants, no lack of that warmth of reciprocal feeling which it is the object of charity organisation to regulate

only, not to weaken; and that in regard to some of the cases which they have had the pleasure of assisting during the past year, nothing could be more encouraging to those who have faith in the principles of the Charity Organisation Society than the reasonable and trustful spirit in which these principles, as acted upon by the Committee, have been obviously understood, and their true value recognised, by applicants who might have pleaded every excuse for desiring and accepting charity in its ordinary form of almsgiving, and the conscientious manner in which the conditions on which assistance was granted have been observed. Even if this cannot be fully said of all the cases which the Committee have nevertheless thought it proper to assist, they cannot but regard their labour as well rewarded if even a few of the deserving poor have been enabled to feel that there is one quarter whence help may be accepted not only without the sacrifice of independence and self-respect, but in such a manner as even to give new life and significance to the exercise of those qualities.

In illustration of the manner in which the work of the Committee has been carried on both in regard to repression and assistance, a few cases may be named which will serve to illustrate some of the foregoing observations. Among the cases dismissed as undeserving, is one (No. 1697 on the books of the Committee) of a married woman, aged 30, with one child, who represented herself as a widow, her husband having, according to her account, been brought up 'as a gentleman,' but compelled to earn his living as a clerk, and having died two years previously. On the strength of this statement she had several times received assistance from a gentleman living in the district, who at length requested the Committee to investigate the case. The result of the inquiry was that the woman's husband was living and in good employment in the neighbourhood. On receiving the report of the Committee, the gentleman who had previously helped the applicant naturally refused further assistance. In its main circumstances there can be no doubt that this case is only a type of many others which have never been submitted to the same investigation, and to which, upon the strength of the same kind of plausible and interesting story, money is being continually wasted in the actual support of imposture, idleness, and immorality: all which misuse of means might be greatly checked and in time entirely put a stop to, if

only the machinery at hand for investigation were made use of. It may be observed, as a fact of which the Committee have had frequent and painful evidence, that few tests are more deceptive than that of what is vaguely termed 'respectable appearance,' on the faith of which so much charity is annually bestowed,

Among the cases usually classed as 'ineligible' occur many illustrations of the less flagrant forms of misrepresentation and prevarication, against which it is constantly necessary to guard. A widow (No. 1744) applies for temporary help, stating that her husband's earnings had been only 16*s.* a week, that his employers had paid for his funeral and given her £9, that she had received no other help since his death, and was dependent on one son, aged 22, who was married and only earning 20*s.* a week. On inquiry it proved that the whole case was misrepresented: her husband's wages had been 20*s.* a week; she had received £35 from various sources since his death, and had three grown-up sons. When in such a case there is nothing serious against the general character of the applicant, it is not branded as 'undeserving,' but certainly the Committee can hardly be blamed for dismissing such applications with the mild condemnation of 'ineligible.'

Among the most useful work which a Committee like this is able to undertake, is that of recommending, after the necessary inquiries, suitable cases to those who are willing to help such cases, or who from their relation to the applicant may rightly be called upon to do so. Among the 122 cases of this class dealt with during the year, two examples may be named. One (1625) is that of a man formerly a gentleman's servant, aged 50, rendered helpless by paralysis, and whose case, upon inquiry, appeared in every way deserving; but owing to the nature of the illness and the inability of any relations to assist (his brother being badly off and his wife entirely occupied in nursing him), it was obvious that a considerable provision would be necessary to prevent the applicant going to the work-house. After correspondence extending over some weeks, an amount per week sufficient for all his wants has been secured to him for life from no less than seven different sources: viz. 4*s.* from the Tower Hamlets Pension Society (which has frequently conferred pensions at the recommendation of this Committee), 4*s.* from the club to which he had belonged, and 12*s.* 9*d.* per week made up by private individuals. This case affords a good example of the 'organisation' of charity, for through the action

of the Committee and its means of communication with various sources, a complete supply has been provided for a case in which the applicant was placed by circumstances beyond the possibility of helping himself, and this has been secured without undue charge upon any one individual or institution. Another case which may be mentioned in this class is one in which help was given by relatives in consequence of communications from this Committee. A widow (No. 1750), aged 69, who had formerly gained her living as a monthly nurse, and was spoken of in the highest terms by former employers, had been for two years so ill as to be unable to earn her living. The usual course of inquiry elicited the fact that there were relations of her late husband living who might be able to help if applied to. On the representation of the Committee this was arranged with little difficulty, and the husband's relations, who seem not to have been aware of her destitution, are now giving her a regular support, which they are fortunately well able to afford. This is a specimen of a class of cases (not unfrequent) in which the Committee has been of the greatest service by merely finding out the right persons to apply to for the support of the applicant, and representing the case to them in its proper light, and with the weight of a recommendation based upon full investigation.

In the cases to which direct assistance has been given the Committee have kept studiously in view the principle of helping applicants to help themselves, and of reducing to a minimum the granting of money except in the form of a loan, for repayment (as far, at all events, as possible) by the applicant. A dock labourer (No. 1694), who had saved from his earnings and bought his wife a sewing machine, which proved inadequate, was assisted by the loan of a better one for trial, to become the wife's property (if satisfactory) on the payment of half the cost by small weekly instalments. A young woman, daughter of a labouring man (No. 1677), who was obliged to give up her situation as servant through weak health, was sent by the Committee to a seaside convalescent home for three weeks, and on her return in much better health, a member of the Committee procured her a situation as ward-maid in a workhouse, where she is giving every satisfaction. It may be here noted that the assistance of young women wanting a situation, and who might have great difficulty in finding one by their own efforts, has been regarded as a very important part of the work of the Committee.

Another case that may be cited is that of a widow with three children, whose husband (a sailor) had died on a voyage and left her destitute; she was assisted with a grant of £2 towards the cost of a sewing machine, and is now regularly repaying the remainder of its cost out of her earnings. These are illustrations of the method by which willing and industrious hands may be aided in their difficult task of supporting themselves and their families in a manner completely consonant with self respect, and calculated to stimulate industry and economy. On the other hand, however, the Committee have found it necessary to guard against an idea too prevalent among the poor, that there is necessarily a living to be made by A out of such and such a machine or process, because B makes it pay, without any consideration of the conditions of supply and demand; so that applications have been made for help to purchase a mangle, for example, in a street where there were already half a dozen mangles with not sufficient work to keep them going. The real remedy in such cases is to find out where work is wanted, and persuade and assist the applicant to remove there; and in not a few instances the cost of removal to another town or neighbourhood, with this object, has been paid by the Committee, with very satisfactory results. But there can be no doubt that this problem of finding work for those who are willing to work but have no opportunity, is one of the most difficult that has to be faced, and probably no real impression can be made upon it until there is a regular organisation of intelligence in regard to the supply and demand for labour of various classes throughout the country.

In conclusion, while hoping that what has been adduced above in illustration of the work of the Committee is sufficient to recommend its efforts to the support of all who have the true and permanent improvement of the condition of the poor at heart, it must be repeated that the possibility of developing this work to its full extent depends now upon the assistance and co-operation of residents in the district. While fully appreciating the spirit in which some of the clergy enter into their principles, and the cordial co-operation and confidence they receive from the Board of Guardians, the Stepney Committee cannot but point out that the work described above is almost entirely carried on by non-residents (of whom the Committee is mainly composed), who have done their best, in the face of great discouragement and misunderstanding, to set on foot what

they believe to be the only rational system upon which charitable assistance can be carried on, if it is not to prove a curse instead of a blessing. They now earnestly appeal to the residents in the district to aid them in carrying on this work in the same spirit, by joining in the system of regulated and organised charity, which is the only true benevolence in its final results, and affords the only chance of striking at the first causes of distress and misery, and of turning to the best and most permanent advantage the charitable resources of the district.

**TABULAR STATEMENT OF CASES DEALT WITH BY
THE COMMITTEE BETWEEN OCTOBER 1, 1877,
AND SEPTEMBER 30, 1878.**

CLASS I.—DISMISSED, OR UNFAVOURABLY REPORTED ON, AS—

1. Not requiring relief	74
2. Undeserving	19
3. Cases for Poor Law, or otherwise ineligible	85
Total	— 178

CLASS II.—RECOMMENDED TO—

1. The Guardians	1
2. Institutions or Local Agencies	83
3. Private persons	38
Total	— 122

CLASS III.—ASSISTED BY—

1. Grants	9
2. Loans	6
3. Employment	15
5. Letters for Hospitals &c.	31
Total	— 61

Grand Total 361

Reports sent out	259
Inquiries for other Committees	170
Vagrants dealt with	3

**TABLE SHOWING THE PROPORTION OF THE RE-
SIDENT APPLICANTS WHO HAVE AT ANY TIME
SUBSCRIBED TO A BENEFIT CLUB OR PROVIDENT
SOCIETY.**

		Per cent.
Members of Benefit Clubs at the time of application	68	18·836
Ditto Trade Societies or Unions	7	1·939
Have been members, but from various causes have ceased to be	44	12·160
Never subscribed to any Club or Society	242	67·036
Total	361	

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CONDITIONS OF APPLICANTS.

Married	157
Widowers	15
Widows	139
Single Men	17
Single Women	33

Total 361

OCCUPATION OF APPLICANTS.

Auxiliary letter-carriers	2	Master mariner	1
Bagmaker	1	Millwright	1
Ballastman	1	Navvy	1
Bergemen	4	Needlewomen	28
Bible woman	1	No occupation	29
Boatbuilder	1	Nurses	4
Boilermaker	1	Packing-case maker	1
Bottle-washer	1	Painter	1
Brass-finisher	1	Picture-frame maker	1
Bricklayer	1	Plumbers	2
Carmen	3	Porter	1
Charing and washing	38	Prostitutes	2
Checker in docks	1	Railway inspectors	2
Clerks	4	Railway porter	1
Clockmaker	1	Relief stamper	1
Coopers	6	Ropemakers	2
Confectioner	1	Reporter	1
Carrier	1	Sailmakers	3
Customs officer	1	Sawdust dealer	1
Dock labourers	17	Sawyers	3
Dressmaker	1	Schoolmaster	1
Dustman	1	Salesmen	3
Dyers	2	Scripture reader	1
Engine-driver	1	Seamen	18
Engineers	2	Servants	28
Factory girls	2	Ship's firemen	2
Gardener	1	Shipkeepers	4
General agent	1	Ship's joiner	1
Grooms	3	Ship storekeeper	1
Hammerman	1	Shipwrights	3
Hatter	1	Shirtmakers	7
Hawkers	4	Shopman	1
Hoopmakers	2	Shopkeepers	3
Horsehair carder	1	Silk weaver	1
Iron turner	1	Slippermaker	1
Knitters	1	Stableman	1
Labourers	39	Tailors	2
Laundresses	2	Tailoresses	7
Lighterman	1	Tea cooper	1
Lodging-house keeper	1	Trousers finishers	3
Machinists	2	Tout	1
Mastmaker	1	Waistcoat makers	5
Matmaker	1	Watchmen	3
Mangling	6	Watermen	4
Matchmaker	1	Workers in lead factory	2

LIST OF ENDOWED AND OTHER CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS IN STEPNEY UNION.

LIMEHOUSE.

NAME.	REMARKS.
FULLER'S ALMSHOUSES, Mile End Road, 1592	Endowment £50 per annum, for 12 poor single men over 60 years of age, nominees of the Churchwardens of Mile End Old Town, Mile End New Town, Poplar, Limehouse, St. George-in-the-East, Bethnal Green, and Spitalfields.
GERR'S CHARITY, Three Colt Street, 1632	On the Feast of St. Michael £5 to poor seamen or their widows, of Limehouse. Endowed.
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THE Objects of the Society for Organising Charitable Relief and Repressing Mendicity may be stated in the following terms :—

I.—To bring into harmonious co-operation with each other and with the Poor Law authorities the various charitable agencies and individuals in the District, and thus effectually to check the evils of 'overlapping' relief caused by simultaneous but independent action.

II.—To investigate thoroughly the cases of all applicants for charitable relief, whether they are referred to the offices for inquiry and report, or whether they apply of their own accord.

III.—To place gratuitously at the disposal of all charitable agencies and private persons the investigating machinery of the Committees of the Society, and to send to persons having a legitimate interest in cases full reports of the results of the investigations made.

IV.—To obtain from the proper charities, or from charitable individuals, suitable and adequate relief for deserving cases.

V.—To assist from its own funds, and as far as possible in the form of loans, all suitable cases, *for which adequate assistance cannot be obtained from other sources.*

VI.—To repress mendicity by the above means, by the gratuitous distribution of Investigation Tickets, and by the prosecution of impostors.

VII.—To afford to the public at large information regarding the objects and mode of working of existing charities.

VIII.—To promote, as far as possible, the general welfare of the poor by means of social and sanitary reforms, and by the inculcation of habits of providence and self-dependence.

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The Secretaries are authorised to furnish particulars with regard to Charitable Societies to persons desirous of such information.

The Council will be glad to receive letters of recommendation for Hospitals, Convalescent Homes, &c., for distribution to suitable cases through the District Committees.

Contributions to the funds of the Council can be paid at the Central Office, 15 Buckingham Street, Adelphi; or at Messrs. COUTTS & Co.'s, 59 Strand, W.C.

Draft Orders on Bankers for annual payments, until further orders, can be supplied to any who wish for them.

Contributions for the poorer District Committees can be paid to the District Committee Aid Fund of the Council.

December 1878.

REPORT.

THE year 1878, one of great depression in trade, ended with severe frost and continued east wind; the former put an end to building operations, and the latter interfered with the usual work at the docks. The same causes of distress have continued, so that this Society and the local charities have undergone a severe strain.

In order to carry on the work so that the poor may have the greatest benefit from the existing charities, it is necessary to have the co-operation of all who are interested in the welfare of the poor.

The principal distributors of charitable relief are the clergy, who besides their local influence are best acquainted with the wants of their poor neighbours. This Society has no wish to interfere with their good work among the poor, but desires to aid and support them whatever may be their creed or denomination. Ministers of religion are *ex officio* members of this Committee, and they are invited to join the committee meetings, and to make use of the Society's staff and machinery.

This Committee would be glad to assist the guardians in any well-considered plan for reducing the amount of pauperism, and the Committee hope that the Society's work of aiding the poor

who are struggling to keep off the rates, will interest not only those who are engaged in the relief of the poor, but also the rate-payers.

The Committee hope to interest manufacturers and employers of labour in the work of charity organisation, as one of the principal objects of the Society is to encourage thrift and habits of saving among workmen.

In conclusion the Committee beg to thank the district visitors, School Board visitors, and others, for their assistance, and hope for their co-operation in the future.

APPENDIX.

I.—TABULAR STATEMENT OF CASES DEALT WITH BY THE COMMITTEE BETWEEN OCTOBER 1, 1877, AND SEPTEMBER 30, 1878.

CLASS I.—DISMISSED, OR UNFAVOURABLY REPORTED ON, AS—

1. Not requiring relief	24
2. Undeserving	5
3. Cases for Poor Law, or otherwise ineligible	106
Total	135

CLASS II.—RECOMMENDED TO—

1. The Guardians	2
2. Institutions or Local Agencies	64
3. Private Persons	33
Total	99

CLASS III.—ASSISTED BY—

1. Grants	6
2. Loans	6
3. Employment	2
4. Letters for Hospitals, &c.	11
Total	25
Grand Total	259

Reports sent out, whether on above cases or not	103
Inquiries for other Committees	172
Vagrants dealt with	4

TABLE SHOWING THE PROPORTION OF THE RESIDENT APPLICANTS WHO HAVE AT ANY TIME SUBSCRIBED TO A BENEFIT CLUB OR PROVIDENT SOCIETY.

		Per cent.
Members of Benefit Clubs at the time of application	57	22·007
Members of Trade Societies or Unions	7	2·702
Have been members, but from various causes have ceased to be	37	14·205
Never subscribed to any Club or Society	158	61·003
Total	<u>259</u>	

CONDITIONS OF APPLICANTS.

Married	141
Widowers	2
Widows	88
Single Men	12
Single Women	16
Total	<u>259</u>

OCCUPATION OF APPLICANTS.

Assistant Foreman	1	Mangling	4
Assistant Fruiterer	1	Mantle Workers	2
Bakers	2	Milliner	1
Bible Women	2	Needlawomen	25
Boot Finishers	3	No occupation	26
Boot Makers	8	Nursing	9
Book Keeper	1	Odd Man	1
Butcher	1	Omnibus Conductors	2
Carmen	2	Omnibus Driver	1
Catsmeat Seller	1	Painters	2
Cellarman	1	Pastrycook	1
Chimney Sweep	1	Pipe Maker	1
Charing and Washing	23	Porters	4
Cigar Makers	2	Printers	4
Clerks	3	Railway Porters	3
Coachman	1	Railway Goods Foreman	1
Coal Whipper	1	Sailors	2
Canvasser	2	Servants	6
Compositors	2	Ship Builder	1
Coopers	3	Ship's Plater	1
Coppersmith	1	Shirt Cutter	1
Costume Worker	1	Shirt Makers	3
Currier	1	Shopkeeper	1
Dock Labourers	11	Slipper Makers	3
Drapers' Assistants	3	Stevedore	1
Dressmakers	2	Steel Pen Seller	1
Engine Fitter	1	Stick Maker	1
Engine Drivers	2	Tailors	3
Engineer	1	Tailor's Presser	1
Farrier	1	Tailoresses	4
Felt Binder	1	Telegraph Instrument Maker	1
Fish Porter	1	Tinmen	3
Fishing Rod Maker	1	Tram Car Drivers	2
French Polishers	2	Translator and Interpreter	1
Gas Fitter	1	Travelling Glazier	1
Grocer's Assistant	1	Traveller	1
Hatter	1	Trousers Finishers	4
Hawker	1	Turners	1
Iron Moulder	1	Van Guard	1
Iron Worker	1	Waiter	1
Labourers	20	Warehouseman	1
Laundresses	1	Waterman	1
Leather Cutter	1	Yeast Maker	1
Lodging House Keepers	2		
Machinists	4		
		Total	259

LIST OF CHARITIES, &c.

I.—PAROCHIAL AND CONGREGATIONAL CHARITIES CONNECTED WITH

CHURCHES.

St. Dunstan's, Stepney.
 Christ Church, Jamaica Street.
 St. Peter's.
 St. Michael's Mission, West Street.
 Holy Trinity, Tredegar Square.
 St. Benet's, Mile End Road.
 St. Luke's, Burdett Road.
 St. Paul's, Bow Common.
 St. Thomas's, Arbour Square.
 St. Philip's.
 St. Augustine's Mission, Greenfield Street.

CHAPELS.

St. Andrew's Scotch Church, Philpot Street.
 Congregational Church, Burdett Road.
 Conference Hall, Carlton Square.
 East London Tabernacle, Burdett Road.
 The Guardian Angels' Roman Catholic Chapel, Mile End Road.
 John Knox's Church, Oxford Street.
 Mile End Road Chapel.
 Latimer Chapel, Bridge Street, West.
 St. Mary and St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church, Commercial Road.
 Sion Square Roman Catholic Chapel.
 Stepney Meeting House, Spring Garden Place.
 Stepney Green Tabernacle.
 Wycliffe Chapel, Philpot Street.
 Wesleyan Chapel, Globe Road.
 United Methodist Chapel, Jubilee Street.
 College Chapel, Stepney Green.
 Synagogue, Stepney Green.
 Wesleyan Chapel, Mile End Road.
 Assembly Hall, Mile End Road.

II.—IN ADDITION TO THE CHARITIES CONNECTED WITH THE ABOVE, THE FOLLOWING INSTITUTIONS ARE SITUATED IN THE HAMLET.

Trinity Almshouses, Mile End Road. Vintner's Almshouses, Mile End Road. Bancroft's School and Almshouses, Mile End Road. Jewish Asylum and Lying-in Hospital, Mile End Road. Stepney Relief Society.	Indigent Blind Visiting Society (Branch). A. J. Moses' Almshouses, Devonshire Street. Baroness Rothschild's Home. Captain Cook's Almshouses, Mile End Road.
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YEARLY BALANCE SHEET from October 1, 1877, to September 30, 1878.

Dr.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Balance at Bank	.	.	24 15 8	By Rent for 3 quarters, rates, and taxes.	.	22 15 0
" " in hand	.	.	3 0 0	Fuel and light	.	1 10 10
"	.	.		" Repairs and fittings	.	4 15 3
" Annual Subscriptions	.	.	28 13 0	" Salaries	.	107 10 2
" Donations	.	.	20 0 0	" Stationery and office books	.	6 8 1
" Contributions to special cases	.	.	177 3 4	" Printing	.	5 1 0
" " School Board cases	.	.	13 6 7	" Postage	.	5 0 0
" Repayment of loans	.	.	3 16 6	" Incidental expenses	.	10 19 10
" Rent of sewing machines and mangles	.	.	3 18 0			164 0 2
" Rooms let off	.	.	1 8 0	" Aid by loan (in one case)	.	1 10 0
" Sale of old sign board	.	.	0 10 0	" " loans of sewing machines & mangles	.	13 9 0
" Grants made by Council	.	.	115 0 0	" Contributions to special cases	.	135 3 0
			315 2 5	" School Board cases	.	13 6 10
Grants for cases sent to Convalescent Homes returned.	.	.	3 7 6	" Grants (in 13 cases)	.	12 8 4
" Bank amount overpaid	.	.	0 4 0			175 17 2
			£395 2 7	" Balance at Bank	.	52 5 3
				" " in hand	.	3 0 0
						55 5 3
						£395 2 7

LOAN FUND, 1877-1878.

Dr.	£	s.	d.	Cr.	£	s.	d.
By Balance, October 1, 1877	.	.	4 4 6	By Loans granted	.	.	9 5 0
" Repayments, 1877-1878	.	.	7 13 6	" Repayments to General Fund	.	.	3 16 6
" Advanced by members of Committee	.	.	3 0 0	" " members of Committee.	.	.	1 0 0
" Advances by General Fund	.	.	1 10 0	" Balance	.	.	2 6 6
			£16 8 0				£16 8 0

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CHARITY ORGANISATION.

[AN OCCASIONAL PAPER.]

What does Charity Organisation mean ?

The word Charity means a great deal. It reminds us—here in London alone, and not reckoning the almsgiving of the clergy and of private individuals—of something like a thousand agencies engaged in providing help in some form or other for those that are, or that profess to be, in want of it.

Charity Organisation means a great deal too. It means no less than the endeavouring to secure that all this Charity shall go to *the right people, and the right people only.*

There are other collateral matters included in the idea of Charity Organisation, such as securing that Charity shall be administered as sensibly and economically as possible, that fraudulent Charities shall be exposed, Charities no longer needed discontinued, and charitable efforts made in directions that are really necessary ; but the main idea, the chief object, of Charity Organisation is to secure that all the good things provided by benevolence shall go to those and those only who ought to have them, and who will be really benefited by them.

In order to attain the objects of Charity Organisation three conditions are necessary. It is necessary that charitable agencies at work in the same district, or dealing with the same class of persons, should know all about each other's operations ; secondly, that they should know all about the persons that apply to them for help ; and thirdly, that there should be some Organisation by means of which persons in distress, and those desirous of helping them, should be informed of and placed in communication with the agencies best calculated to assist them.

The Charity Organisation Society has instituted a machinery by means of which these conditions can be fulfilled.

1. It has established a Committee in each Poor Law Division of the Metropolis, the plan being that this Committee should include representatives of all the principal charitable agencies of the district.

This provides for intercommunication between the Charities. The latter, by thus uniting for the purposes of consultation and co-operation, can acquaint themselves with what each is doing, and can profit by each other's experiences. They can avoid wasteful travelling over the same ground and needless multiplication of machinery.

2. It has opened in each Poor Law Division an office where an agent is present every day at certain hours to take down and inquire into the particulars of any case of distress that may be referred to him.

By availing themselves of the agency thus placed at their disposal all benevolent individuals and societies may acquaint themselves as fully as may be necessary with the past history and present circumstances of those who apply for relief, and thus learn whether it is right to help them, and, if so, in what way help can be best given. Investigation is sometimes objected to as harsh and inquisitorial; but, however much we may deplore its necessity, experience proves that without it benevolence will do more harm than good. Most people will admit that it is wrong to give charity to the lazy, the drunken, and the improvident—that it is at least a waste of charity to bestow it on those who can do without it, or who have friends able to help them—but it is equally true that it is mischievous to help even the deserving poor in circumstances which they should themselves anticipate and provide for. To do so cannot but paralyse those virtues of thrift, forethought, energy, and independence upon which their real well-being depends. Hence it is that charity to be really wise and beneficent involves much discrimination—a discrimination which cannot be exercised, where people personally unknown to us are concerned, until inquiry has furnished us with particulars as to their character and circumstances.

3. It enjoins upon its District Committees to deal with each case of distress that comes before them to the best of their judgment and

ability, sparing no pains to procure the requisite assistance from existing charitable agencies, and, when these are not available, making every effort to raise, themselves, the necessary funds.

Thus the district offices of the Society are gradually becoming, as it were, harbours of refuge to which any person may resort whose need or distress is of a kind that Charity may legitimately relieve. Those that are dismissed unassisted have always the Poor Law to fall back upon, but it is contrary to the plan of the Society that any should be so dismissed whom it would be right to help. The aim of the Society is to have its offices and Committees in such a state of efficiency that all cases of distress may be referred to them with the full assurance that, if found to be proper objects for Charity, they will be adequately dealt with.

To make complete and efficient the organisation here briefly sketched out two things are wanted—MONEY and VOLUNTEERS. On the first there is no occasion to dwell, the necessity is obvious. Less obvious, perhaps, but yet more closely related to the well-being of the Society is its urgent need of volunteers—of men and women, really concerned for the poor, who will join its Committees and work hard for the cases requiring help of a kind that it is difficult to get. Abundance of useful work lies waiting to be done by any who, approving the objects and principles of the Society, are willing to give it their time, and are content to find their reward in spending themselves in the service of the poor.

TABULAR STATEMENT OF CASES

DEALT WITH BY THE COMMITTEE, BETWEEN OCTOBER 1st, 1877,
AND SEPTEMBER 30th, 1878.

CLASS I.—Dismissed, or unfavourably reported on, as

Not requiring relief	82
Cases for Poor Law, or otherwise ineligible	182
Undeserving	28
	<hr/> 242

CLASS II.—Recommended to

The Guardians	8
Institutions or Local Agencies	114
Private Persons	42
	<hr/> 159

CLASS III.—Assisted by

Grants	41
Loans	85
Employment	8
Letters for Hospitals	51
	<hr/> 180

Total.....	581
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Reports sent out	108
Inquiries made for other Committees	129
Vagrants dealt with	1

REPORT.

IN their last Annual Report the Committee dwelt, at some length, upon one or two of the leading principles by which they endeavour to be guided, in dealing with the varied forms of distress that come before them. Repeating as little as possible things that have been said already, they would now briefly remind their Subscribers that the work on which they are engaged, in so far as it relates to distress and the methods of dealing with it, may be said to have two aspects. On the one hand, it is their duty to avoid and, so far as in them lies, to discourage mischievous almsgiving, and to persuade those who will listen to them of the harm done to the working-classes by all charity that does not take into account the thrift and industry of the recipient. On the other hand, it is equally their duty, and a far more pleasurable one, to invite the liberality of those who have a large share of the comforts of life, and then to administer the funds that may be entrusted to them in such a way as really to reach and mitigate undeserved distress.

INDUSTRY, TEMPERANCE, THRIFT.—These are the steps by which alone the working-man can rise to independence and comfort. His path, at the present day, is anything but an easy one, and unless he keeps these virtues well in view, and is faithful to them with a more than common persistence, hardships, and even misery, are but too certain to be his lot.

Benevolent persons do not always rightly estimate the supreme importance of these considerations, and so it comes about that the Society is sometimes accused of seeking to annihilate charity, or at least to reduce it to insignificant proportions. This is a complete misapprehension. What the Society does say to the public is this —“Do not give money away to people who are not industrious, not temperate, not thrifty, for by so doing you foster the faults that are the very ruin of the poor.” It says, also,—“Do not give money to people

you know little or nothing about, for if, in a city like London, you give without inquiry the undeserving are sure to carry off the spoil."

But there are misfortunes which may come upon the industrious, the sober, the provident poor ; misfortunes of an exceptional kind for which they could not fairly be expected to provide. It is the aim of the Society that its offices should be *Harbours of Refuge* for cases such as these ; harbours of refuge to which anyone may be sent, to which anyone may come, in the full assurance that anything which man can rightly do for his fellow-man in trouble will certainly be attempted, and, if possible, be done.

A circular was issued in June last, describing the nature and objects of a RELIEF FUND which the Committee have found it expedient to establish. It is here reprinted in the hope that it may enlist the sympathies and the advocacy of some of the old supporters of the Society.

RELIEF FUND.

The Committee think that the time has now come when a brief account of the administration of the above fund may be considered due to those who have already subscribed to it, and may serve also to secure for it the interest and support of other friends.

Adhering always to the principle that it is bad for the poor to do for them what they ought to do for themselves, the Committee as earnestly believe that it is the duty and the privilege of the rich to aid them in great and unforeseen calamities. In obedience to this view they undertake cases involving large annual expenditure, in the assured hope and confidence that when appeal has to be made for the necessary funds, it will not be made in vain.

The following are the cases at present dependent upon the Committee and their friends, and there are others which may soon have to be undertaken :—

J—s, a deaf and dumb boy, provided for in one of the homes recently opened for children thus afflicted, who are thereby enabled to attend the day schools established by the School Board for London. Annual cost £10.

M—s, a case precisely similar to the preceding. A lady has undertaken the expense of the first year.

H—g, a deaf and dumb boy, who, by an arrangement which is sometimes better than one involving complete absence from home, is at the Institution from Monday to Friday, and spends the intervening time with his parents. Annual cost £8.

H—y, a deaf and dumb boy, to go this summer to an Institution at Brighton, at an annual cost of £15, half of which has to be borne by the Committee.

ALICE C., a child of five, suffering from spinal disease and paralysis. In the National Orthopædic Hospital for an indefinite time, at a cost of 7s. 6d. weekly, for the whole of which the Committee is responsible.

PHYLLIS L., similarly afflicted, and in the same Hospital, but at a reduced rate, 5s. 6d. weekly, 2s. of which is paid by the father.

JAMES C., a delicate boy, crippled by an injury to his arm. He is boarded out in the country at a cost of 5s. weekly, 3s. 6d. of which is provided by the kindness of friends, leaving 1s. 6d. a permanent charge upon the funds of the Committee.

ALICE L., has been for six months in the Queen Square Hospital for Hip Disease, 4s. weekly being paid by the Committee. The Lady Superintendent now writes :

"May 13th. * * * * * She is so much better that the doctor wishes her to have a splint, with which she would be able to walk as soon as she could handle crutches. The cost of the splint would be £1 1s., and then she would need a patten and crutches, at 5s. 6d., and a new pair of boots. Would you kindly tell me whether you are disposed to give her these."

Those who have helped us hitherto will not need to be told what the answer of the Committee has been to this application.

ALICE S., a crippled child in the Cheyne Home. The weekly charge, 4s., is paid by the Baroness Van de Weyer.

The Relief Fund, however, is not limited to what may be termed Institution cases. A few words on the circumstances which led to its origin will help to explain the purposes it is made to serve, and these will be further illustrated in the summary of expenditure which is given below.

The Committee found that *adequately, i.e., rationally*, to assist some of their more serious cases required a larger expenditure than the support hitherto accorded to the Society permitted them to incur. At the same time they believed that many who were unwilling to subscribe more than a small sum to the general expenses of the Society would be willing to contribute liberally to the direct relief of well-selected cases.* A most liberal donation of £50 enabled them to make a satisfactory beginning, and the fund has already, in a variety of instances, enabled them to give substantial help.

When small amounts only are required they have recourse to their ordinary fund, or to some other agency. When a heavier expense has to be met, and no existing charity is available, the Relief Fund enables them to *endeavour at least* to do the right thing, *irrespective of the question of expense*, and guided only by the merits and the necessities of the case.

By this endeavour to organise private charity, in so far as their own operations are concerned, the Committee believe that they are acting in harmony with the plan sketched out in the first instance by the Society, and they further believe that such action is essential if District Committees are to realise one of the main objects of the Society, and to secure "fitting action in all cases."

* Whilst making this distinction between two equally important departments of their work, the Committee must not omit to say that they will be much obliged when those who subscribe to the Relief Fund will allow them to use a portion of the gift for their working expenses. An office to be open on every working day throughout the year; an agent every day to be on the spot taking down the particulars of each story of distress and inquiring into the truth of them; the careful recording of the history and treatment of each case—all this involves a certain annual expenditure, and yet is absolutely essential to the successful execution of the work.

It cannot be too distinctly asserted that in large towns, where the poor are for the most part strangers to their richer neighbours, there can be no such thing as sensible charity without judicious investigation. The volunteer labours of the different members of Committee—and it is no slight labour fairly in the first instance to consider the various claims and needs of those who apply to them for help, and afterwards to secure the requisite assistance for those entitled to it—these labours would be unsatisfactory and ineffective if they were not based upon conscientious inquiry into and verification of particulars. And the Committee hope that those who strengthen their hands TO GIVE will help also to support the organisation by which alone they are enabled to give wisely and well.

Since the above was written Alice S—— has returned home much improved, but two other cases have become chargeable to the Committee, and the death of Mme. Van de Weyer has made them responsible for the cost of Alice S——.

Reference to Appendix, p. 21, will show that from May, 1877, to September, 1878, the sum of £180 18s. was received on account of this Fund, whilst the following summary will show how it has been expended:—

	£	s.	d.
Seven children, chiefly spine and hip disease cases, in Homes and Hospitals ...	40	16	0
Admission, maintenance charge, or other expenses, of six girls placed in Homes for education and industrial training *	85	1	10
Mangles and Sewing Machines, almost exclusively for widows with children	89	9	0
Surgical appliance for a crippled child.....	5	5	0
Wheel-chair for an invalid... £19 0 0	18	0	0
Less given by a Member of Committee			
Weekly allowance to a sick woman	8	18	0
Hire of wheel-chair for an invalid †	8	9	0
Removal of a widow and her children to the country, and help to enable her to earn her own living	18	9	2
Fee for a medical opinion on a serious surgical case	1	1	0
	£160	9	0
Balance in hand, Sept. 30th, 1878	20	4	0
	£180	18	0

* Besides two girls for whom payment of all expenses was made by Lady Leicester and Miss Mayo.

† A Member of Committee has recently given a chair to be lent to invalids as occasion requires.

It is impossible to have to do with the poor without becoming more and more alive to the importance of a judicious administration of the Poor Law, and to the value of the services rendered by those who endeavour faithfully to discharge the unostentatious but arduous duties of Guardians. It is a satisfaction to the Committee, when an opportunity offers of bringing their resources to bear upon some case recommended by the Board or its officers, but which it does not come within the province of the Poor Law to relieve.

It will be a good day for the poor, for the benevolent, and for the ratepayers of the Metropolis, when the public mind becomes aware of the advantages that may result from a strict administration of the Poor Law on the one hand, and an efficient organisation of charity on the other. In the case of sick persons, too ill to be removed to the Sick Asylum, it is right that the Parish Authorities should give as amply as may be required, but it is, perhaps, scarcely too much to say that in all other cases out-door relief should be abolished. Charity would then know what to do. Leaving the workhouse test to be applied in all cases where idleness, improvidence, or unworthiness in any form might be suspected, she would succour the deserving poor in illness or temporary distress, and, in special cases, would even apply herself to the relief of the aged poor, no longer paralysed or, at least, impeded by the consciousness that there was a wasteful, and mischievous overlapping going on between her functions and those of the Poor Law. That this is no fanciful expectation may be proved by the operations of the Tower Hamlets' Pension Society, in the three East End Unions where out-door relief is being considerably restricted. That Association, which has not been in existence above a year-and-a-half, has now on its list no less than forty couples and single persons who, but for its assistance, would, probably, be spending their last years in the workhouse. It is understood that the Association would be willing to extend its operations to any East End Union, in which new cases ceased to be taken on the out-relief list.

The abolition of out-door relief would effect such a diminution in Poor Law expenditure, that the Guardians would be able to deal

effectually with a class of the afflicted poor, which at present does not receive the attention it deserves. The Committee refer to the Blind, the Deaf and Dumb, the Lame, the Deformed, and the Idiotic. Recent legislation enables the Guardians to send children and others thus afflicted, to Institutions where they can receive instruction and industrial training. There are none who appeal more strongly to our compassion than those who seem to be condemned by bodily infirmity to a life of useless and miserable inaction, and when it becomes generally known that the Guardians have the power to attempt the rescue of such cases, there can be little doubt that public opinion will be in favour of their exercising it as energetically as possible.

It being the special function of a Charity Organisation Committee to deal with exceptional cases of distress, requiring relief of a kind which the Guardians are not empowered to give, or, again, of a kind which the ordinary District-Visitor finds it very laborious to obtain, it may be well to select a few cases from the records of the past year, by way of illustrating the sort of work which a Committee, representing "Organised Charity," finds itself called upon to do. The Committee wish that the work here described could be done better. It is still the day of small things as regards the Organisation of Charity. All that is open to them is to labour steadily on, doing their best for the distress with which they may be made acquainted, and hoping, year by year, to secure an increasing amount of confidence and goodwill in the district.

A widow with six children under eleven had applied to the Thames Police Court for assistance, and was referred by the magistrate to the Society. Had she remained in town she must have become a burden on the rates, so the committee removed her to a healthy town by the sea-side. Friends were found for her in the neighbourhood of her new home, and, started in a small business, she has every prospect of doing well. Another widow, left in very similar circumstances, was assisted to get a mangle, and one of her children was provided for in a Home.

An elderly person, who shall be called Miss A., was sent to the office last summer by a gentleman who had been acquainted with her for many years, and who had lately come to know that she was enduring considerable privation. She had lived in Poplar nearly all her life, and her relatives, now dead, had been very respectable. The notion of applying for parish relief seemed in her eyes to involve intolerable degradation, and the committee are glad to report that by private effort, and the mention of her case in the Society's paper (Charity Organisation Reporter), admission has been obtained for her into a suitable asylum, and a pension of six shillings a week secured.

A case of peculiar difficulty, in which the action of the Poor Law in another part of London had been frustrated by the obstinacy of a parent, came before the committee last winter. A girl of nine was found to be wandering from place to place with a semi-lunatic mother, in a state of the utmost squalor and neglect. The woman had been in an asylum, and when at home had led her husband—a very respectable man—such a life, that he often threatened to make away with himself, and at last disappeared, no one apparently knowing where or how. The child had been in a parish school, but the mother would not leave her there, and this constituted the difficulty of the case; since, wherever the poor little thing might be placed, the parent would have the right to claim and take her away, unless a magistrate's order for her detention could be obtained. The Hon. Sec. took advantage of a temporary willingness on the part of Mrs. — to leave the child in his hands, and placed her in a friend's house for a few days. The kind co-operation of the School Board authorities was secured, the magistrate was appealed to, and when Mrs. — next saw her child it was in an industrial school, from which she had no power to remove her.

There are occasionally what may be called great shipwrecks, when misfortunes that are nothing less than catastrophes come upon households that have deemed themselves happy and secure. Such cases can only be met by an agency that is bound by no hard-and-fast rules, and that can summon a good deal of volunteer effort to its aid. Last summer a gentleman, long resident and well-known in Poplar, brought before the notice of the committee the case of a family, whose history will perhaps be best told in a few paragraphs taken from a circular which has been sent to friends in Calcutta:—

“Having been ordered home on medical certificate, Captain S. left India on the 9th February last, via the Cape, in the hope that the long sea voyage in a sailing vessel would benefit his health. Unhappily, it would seem that he and his family, who were the only passengers, had to endure some discomfort on board this ship; and, unable to obtain the diet necessary to an invalid, he became gradually worse, and died at sea on the 6th of May.

“Mrs. S., on landing, having no friends to go to, took a lodging in the vicinity of the docks, and thus her case became known to the Poplar Committee of the Charity Organisation Society, who at once placed themselves in communication with those amongst Captain S.'s friends who happened to be in England, and, assisted by their advice and co-operation, proceeded to devise a scheme for the maintenance of the family thus thrown in so helpless a condition upon their hands.

“Captain S. was a sufferer by the collapse of the Albert Life Assurance Society, and it does not appear that he subscribed afterwards to any of the provident funds. The expenses of the voyage home absorbed his savings, and when everything to which Mrs. S. was entitled had been placed to her account, it was found that the sum of £100 was all that she had to depend on for her own maintenance and the education of her children.

“Mrs. S.'s health and energies being much impaired, it was deemed inexpedient that she should invest her money in a business, of which she would have no experience, or in a lodging-house, for the management of which she would be, for the present at any rate, quite unfit; and it was decided that the children should be placed in healthy country homes, and that a light situation should, if possible, be found for her, where she could recruit her strength and wait the result of an appeal to her husband's friends.

“So far as the children are concerned this scheme has already been carried out by the Poplar Charity Organisation Committee. The two eldest, Eleanora, 13, Letitia, 11, have been placed in a home in Devonshire, which is under the care of Lady Agnes Wood. There they will be educated and trained for service

at a cost to the Committee of £8 per annum each. Alice, 4, has been sent to an orphanage near Dundee, where, by the kindness of Sir John Ogilvy, she is received free of charge. James, 9, and Terence, 3, are boarded out at Minchinhampton, under the kind care of the rector; the cost in each of these cases being 6s. weekly."

The closing of the Thames Plate Glass manufactory two years ago, caused a good deal of distress in Poplar, reducing as it did many who had been skilled workmen to the rank of casual labourers. This summer the welcome news came that a gentleman formerly connected with the works was in a position to give employment to a few selected hands, and would pay their passage to America. The difficulty in the way was want of clothes, the good wardrobes of former days having been by this time worn out or taken to the pawnshop. By the kind co-operation of Lady Hobart, Hon. Secretary to the East London Family Emigration fund, seven families, consisting in all of forty-one souls, were provided for, and enabled to start on their voyage with comfort.

In another case a respectable mechanic, with a crippled son and four young children, was invited by a married daughter in New Zealand to join her, she having paid what was necessary for his passage as a Government emigrant. It was found, however, that the 'order' did not include the crippled son, whilst at the same time the regulations would not permit of his being left, even temporarily, behind. The whole plan seemed in danger of being frustrated, but aided again by Lady Hobart, the Committee raised the sum required, and the family sailed in November.

Relieving Officers, School Board Visitors, and others, brought officially into contact with the poor, must often come across cases requiring help of a kind which it is not easy to obtain. Sick persons and crippled children, wanting treatment in special hospitals, or change of air after treatment, or surgical appliances of an expensive kind. Sometimes, without relieving parents of the responsibilities which they ought to bear, a girl may be trained for service, or an orphan child be educated in a Home instead of in the Parish School. In one instance, a respectable working-man, who was dying from consumption, made application in behalf of his two motherless children; his last days were made less bitter by the knowledge that they would not be left to the parish, but would be brought up in some suitable asylum. In all, eighteen children placed out under the auspices of the Committee are being thus provided for, and, in addition to these—nine girls, not requiring such long training, have been sent during the past year to private Institutions where, after a short preparation, good situations are found for them.

The Committee feel sure of the sympathy of their Subscribers when they mention the following figures:—Forty-seven persons have been sent this year to Convalescent Homes, four deaf and dumb boys have

been put in the way of training, in seventeen instances surgical appliances have been supplied, and, whilst this Report is being written, six crippled or incurable children are being cared for in various Homes.

Reference to the lists of Subscribers (Appendix, pp. 19-21) will show that the Funds of the Committee reach them, for the most part, from persons not connected with the district. From a variety of causes it has come about that, speaking generally, certain parts of the Metropolis are inhabited by the rich and others by the poor. The Committee consider that it is an essential element in the Organisation of Charity, and, therefore, an important part of their duty, to secure for the afflicted poor, in the more remote parts of London, the help of those who live elsewhere.

At the same time, their great desire is to have the support of persons resident in the district. They do not ask for large donations; they are glad to receive subscriptions very small in amount, in order that they may count the givers as their supporters; and, now that the Relief Fund has been established, those who prefer to do so can subscribe to it with the assurance that everything so contributed will be spent without any abatement upon the relief of deserving distress.

But the Committee this year would conclude their Report with a special appeal to those who, though living elsewhere, are connected with the district by ties of business and property.

It has of late years become easy to gentlemen carrying on important industries in Poplar to have their homes, and all that home means, a little way out of town. Much of the distress, therefore, that, if they lived here, would be before their eyes, and before the eyes of their wives and daughters, escapes their observation. Their liberality is often great towards persons in their employ, but there are many of the poor not fortunate enough to stand in any direct relation to a wealthy employer. It is for these that the Committee venture to appeal. The work endeavoured to be done has been described—sick person pining for the change without which there can be no getting well; child, still

innocent, who may be trained and saved ; cripple, into whose life a little sunshine may be made to come ; widow, from whose life the light has gone. You, who come here for business, and go elsewhere for comforts and pleasures in good measure, help us to make these lives more useful and more glad.

The Committee have again to express their great thankfulness to Mr. Allen, who, throughout another year, has come almost daily from the West End to discharge the duties of Hon. Secretary.

They regret to have lost the services of their late agent, Mr. Hardwicke, who left them to take an appointment in the country, but they believe themselves to be fortunate in his successor, Mr. John Somers, who has the advantage of having been long acquainted with the district.

APPENDIX.

I.

*Convalescent Homes and kindred Institutions to which Invalids
have been sent during the past year.*

Mrs. Gladstone's Home	17
All Saints' Hospital, Eastbourne	6
Convalescent Hospital, Black Rock, Brighton	2
Metropolitan Convalescent Institution, Walton-on- Thames	6
Royal Sea-bathing Infirmary, Margate	8
Convalescent Home, St. Leonard's-on-Sea	1
Mineral Water Hospital, Bath	8
Private Convalescent Homes	9
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	47
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II.

Surgical Appliances paid for or procured by the Committee.

Trusses	6
Boot and irons	6
Glass eyes	2
Scarpa's shoe	1
Elastic stocking	1
Thomas's splint	1
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	17
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III.

Particulars of Cases referred to the Committee by the School Board Authorities, during the year ending September 30th, 1878.

Forty-four cases were referred, of whom twenty-four were assisted, at a total cost of £89 14s. 8d.

The remaining twenty cases may be classified as follows :—

Not requiring relief	8
Undeserving	4
Ineligible	18
	—
	20
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Of these Ineligible cases, four were so written off because the parents were able-bodied, and there existed no exceptional cause of distress ; one, because the applicant's character was unsatisfactory ; one, because the applicant refused to disclose the address of relations well able to assist ; one, because a wrong statement was given as to earnings ; and six, because the Poor Law was the more suitable agency for dealing with them.

LIST OF SUBSCRIBERS TO GENERAL FUND.

	SUBSCRIPTIONS.			DONATIONS.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
MAGISTRATES—Thames Police Court				10	0	0
EAST AND WEST INDIA DOCK Co.	10	10	0			
THE CORPORATION OF TRINITY HOUSE				5	5	0
THE MILLWALL DOCK Co.	2	2	0			
C. H. WIGRAM, Esq., Blackwall.....	5	0	0			
C. ARKWRIGHT, Esq., 8A, Cleveland Row, S.W.	5	0	0			
R. CARDWELL, Esq., Oriental Club				5	5	0
G. LINN, Esq., Mellish Street, Millwall...	5	5	0			
A Friend, per J. D. HARRIS, Esq.	5	5	0			
R. ELLIS, Esq., Oriental Club				8	8	0
C. A. R. B.	8	8	0			
Mrs. HAMMOND, 81, Wimpole Street.....				1	1	0
J. H. ALLEN, Esq., 69, Kensington Gar- dens Square	2	2	0			
A. D. GRAHAM, Esq., 69, East India Dock Road.....	2	2	0			
J. STEWART, Esq., Blackwall Iron Works	2	2	0			
Mr. & Mrs. HORNTMAN, Surrey Mount, Forest Hill	2	1	0			
G. RUTHERFORD, Esq., Surrey Mount, Forest Hill	1	0	0			
Messrs. YOUNG, DOWSON, & Co., Emmett Street, Poplar	1	1	0			
Carried forward	£46	18	0	£24	14	0

	SUBSCRIPTIONS.			DONATIONS.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward.....	£46	18	0	£24	14	0
A. L. YOUNG, Esq., 5, Queensbury Place, W.	1	1	0			
Messrs. BROWN, LENOX, & Co., Millwall...	1	1	0			
Messrs. SEAWARD & Co., Millwall	1	1	0			
Mrs. HARDY, Montague Place	1	1	0			
T. GRAY, Esq., Montague Place.....	1	1	0			
Rev. F. KIRTON, Campbell Road, Bow ...	1	1	0			
Miss A. MEAD, Lambourne House, Forest Hill.....	1	1	0			
Mrs. ABERCROMBIE, per J. D. HARRIS, Esq.	1	1	0			
Miss TOMLINE, Ripponshurst, Forest Hill	1	1	0			
Miss L——	0	10	6			
Messrs. YARBOW & Co., Poplar	0	10	0			
Rev. T. MACDONOGH, Acton, Middlesex ...	0	10	0			
E. COLEMAN, Esq., East India Dock Road	0	10	6			
	£58	8	0	£24	14	0

LIST OF SUBSCRIBERS TO RELIEF FUND,

From its Origin in May, 1877, to September 30th, 1878.

	£	s.	d.
Miss DIXON	50	0	0
Mme. VAN DE WEYER	12	16	0
A. H. SMITH BARRY, Esq.	25	0	0
Mrs. GRAHAM	10	0	0
W. BEVAN, Esq.	1	0	0
Miss TINMOUTH	1	10	0
The MARQUIS TOWNSHEND, per Mr. BRADFIELD.....	1	10	0
Mrs. STEELE	5	0	0
A. TARRATT, Esq.	8	0	0
The Rev. H. BURCHELL-HERNE.....	10	0	0
A. E. HOLMES, Esq.	1	0	0
LADY LOUISA MILLS	10	0	0
LADY CONSTANCE LAWLEY	5	0	0
The MAGISTRATES—Thames Police Court	2	0	0
RUSSELL SCOTT, Esq.	10	0	0
HAMILTON KINGLAKE, Esq.	20	0	0
Miss MAINWARING	0	10	0
Mrs. BRIDGES	2	0	0
Mrs. ROGERS	1	0	0
Rev. J. COOK COLLIS	0	10	0
Miss HOLLOND.....	2	12	0
Rev. G. GUINNESS	0	10	0
Mrs. WATERSON	0	15	0
	£180	18	0

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE,

Dr. FROM OCTOBER 1st, 1877, TO SEPTEMBER 30th, 1878. Cr.

1877.	RECEIPTS.	1877.	EXPENDITURE.
To Balance at Bank, October 1st, 1877	\$ 50 11 5	By Rent, Rates and Taxes	\$ 42 13 2
" in hand	3 0 0	Fuel and Light	3 13 6
Annual Subscriptions	58 3 0	Repairs and Fittings	4 2 6
Donations	24 14 0	Salaries	112 1 0
Contributions to Relief Fund	130 13 0	Stationery, Printing, and Office	
" for special cases by East and West India Dook Co.	85 0 0	Books	17 0 1
Grants made by Central Council	177 0 0	Postage	7 1 8
" by "Society for the Relief of Distress"	58 6 0	Incidental expenses	7 19 9
Contributions for School Board cases	37 11 2	Agent's travelling expenses	3 10 7
" Special cases	14 18 6		
Rent of Rooms	7 4 0	Aid by Grants	74 15 2
Discounts	0 2 0	" from "Relief Fund"	144 18 2
		" " Society for Relief of Distress	
		Payments to Special cases	57 17 11
		School Board cases	19 18 6
		" East and West India	39 14 8
		" Dook Co. cases	69 0 0
		Balance at Bank, Sept. 30th, 1878	406 4 5
		" in hand	37 16 5
			3 0 0
	\$645 3 1		\$645 3 1

Examined and found correct,

JOHN W. HUNT,
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Nov. 6th, 1878.

BALANCE SHEET OF PERMANENT LOAN FUND.

Dr.	By	Cr.
To Repayment of Loans since Sept. 30th, 1877	By Balance due to Treasurer, Sept. 30th, 1877	\$ 32 4 6
Balance due to Treasurer	Loans Granted since	89 12 3
		\$121 16 9

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1. By bringing about co-operation between the Charities and the Poor Law, and amongst the Charities;
2. By securing due investigation in all cases;
3. By repressing mendicancy;
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I.—To bring into harmonious co-operation with each other and with the Poor Law authorities the various charitable agencies and individuals in the district, and thus effectually to check the evils of 'overlapping' relief caused by simultaneous but independent action.

II.—To investigate thoroughly the cases of all applicants for charitable relief, whether they are referred to the offices for inquiry and report, or whether they apply of their own accord.

III.—To place gratuitously at the disposal of all charitable agencies and private persons the investigating machinery of the Committees of the Society, and to send, to persons having a legitimate interest in cases, full reports of the results of the investigations made.

IV.—To obtain from the proper charities, or from charitable individuals, suitable and adequate relief for deserving cases.

V.—To assist from its own funds, and as far as possible in the form of loans, all suitable cases *for which adequate assistance cannot be obtained from other sources.*

VI.—To repress mendicity by the above means, by the gratuitous distribution of Investigation Tickets, and by the prosecution of impostors.

VII.—To afford to the public at large information regarding the objects and mode of working of existing charities.

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The Secretaries are authorised to furnish particulars with regard to Charitable Societies to persons desirous of such information.

The Council will be glad to receive letters of recommendation for Hospitals, Convalescent Homes, &c., for distribution to suitable cases through the District Committees.

Contributions to the funds of the Council can be paid at the Central Office, 15 Buckingham Street, Adelphi; or at Messrs. COURTIS & Co.'s, 59 Strand, W.C.

Draft Orders on Bankers for annual payments, until further orders, can be supplied to any who wish for them.

Contributions for the poorer District Committees can be paid to the District Committee Aid Fund of the Council.

December 1878.

REPORT.

IN presenting their seventh annual report to their subscribers and the public, the Committee are glad to be able to state that during the past year increased co-operation and assistance have enabled them to extend their sphere of usefulness, and to develop to a higher degree the work of charity organisation. The objects of the Society have lately been brought forward and explained through so many channels, that the Committee think it unnecessary at this moment to dwell upon them at length, and will confine themselves to giving a brief account of the work actually done during the year. They need scarcely say that the task of discriminating between really deserving cases and those of imposture, without the appearance of undue suspicion, is not an easy one, but they have reason to believe that, while dealing firmly with the latter, they have been able to aid every case of real distress that has come before their notice.

It should be remembered that an applicant is not rejected simply because he has erred in the past, but because the circumstances are such as to render it improbable that anything the Committee can do for him will lead to permanent good in the future.

During the past year 444 cases came before the Committee, all of which were carefully considered. Of these 204 were dismissed for various causes, such as insufficient evidence of claim to relief, drunkenness, gross improvidence, false statements and addresses; while other applicants, perfectly destitute, had to be left to the action of the poor law.

Thirty-six cases were recommended to institutions and local agencies: and the Committee desire to acknowledge the valuable assistance they have received from many of these, and especially the Society for the Relief of Distress and the Surgical Aid Society.

Fifty-three cases have been assisted by private persons.

Some of these were sent for investigation, and, being reported

deserving, were afterwards relieved by the person at whose request the investigation was made; while others received assistance from private individuals to whom they had been recommended by the Committee.

Eighty-three grants, amounting to £57. 19s. 10½d., were made out of the funds of the Committee, some to enable the applicant to take up employment or service, others to procure stock or redeem tools, and for other purposes when temporary help seemed likely to be of permanent benefit.

Twenty-seven loans, amounting to £42. 18s., have been granted during the year.

Much care and experience is required in making loans to persons of the class with which the Committee is chiefly concerned, and they look upon it as one of the most interesting and important departments of their work.

They have given 39 letters for hospitals, &c., and these include a large number in which patients have been sent to convalescent homes. This is a form of assistance which the Committee have much satisfaction in procuring for the poor, and they take this opportunity of saying that they will thankfully receive letters for hospitals, convalescent homes, and other like institutions.

Only two cases of vagrancy were before the Committee during the year.

The Committee were much gratified and cheered in their work by a donation of 10s. from a former applicant, a widow, who gave it as 'a thankoffering for the kindness which was shown her late husband during his long illness.'

The Committee are happy to be able to state that they have received much valuable support from the clergy of the district, as also from the poor law authorities.

In conclusion, the Committee would remind the public that they have no desire to check or interfere with private charity, but rather, in view of the necessities created by a dense population, to offer the advantages of organisation to those who labour for the poor, so that charity may flow in the right channel, and not be diverted to the idle, the improvident, and the undeserving.

Specimen cases of the work will be found at the end of the report.

Subscriptions and donations, which are much needed, will be thankfully received by the Treasurer, H. B. Praed, Esq., M.P., 189 Fleet Street, or by the Honorary Secretaries, at the office, 9 St. George's Circus, S.E.

DESERVING CASES.

2167. J. S., a single man, aged 25, applied for a loan of 10s. to get stock to hawk. He had lost one arm, consequently was incapacitated for labourer's work, which he had been brought up to. The investigation was satisfactory, but he was unable to find a security for a loan. A grant of 10s. to get stock and 5s. for a licence was given, with the understanding that it was to be repaid. Both grants were paid back, and the young fellow is earning a good living.

2187. H. L., a married woman, aged 61, children all dead, applied for help whilst her husband was in the infirmary. He had worked for 30 years for the same firm, and until very recently they had been in a very fair position, so that the wife had not done any work. Everybody spoke in high terms of both. To find suitable employment was the difficulty. For a considerable time she was assisted by grants from the Society for the Relief of Distress, and private persons, also some needlework. Eventually a situation was found for her as housekeeper, in which she is doing very well.

2223. H. S., a married man, aged 24, with no children, applied for a loan of £2 to take clothes out of pledge, to enable him to go to a situation which he had been promised. He had been out of work for some time, and had parted with nearly everything. The investigation having proved most satisfactory, a loan of £2 was granted, and it was repaid with regularity, and the man is doing well.

2189. G. McR. came to the office, and said he had been robbed or lost a purse, and was at his wife's end how to get down to Marlborough, where he had a situation, and was due that day. He was a stranger in London, and had not a friend to help him. Investigation was impossible in this case, as it was a matter of urgency. The testimonials he showed seemed so thoroughly satisfactory, that a person was sent with him to Paddington to take a ticket for Marlborough. The statement turned out perfectly true, and the money advanced was repaid within a day or two.

2253. E. G., a widow with four children, applied for help to get a mangle. She had lately lost her husband by drowning. The investigation was satisfactory, and so a mangle was purchased. The Society for the Relief of Distress gave £2, the Widows'

Friends Society £2, and the remainder, about 30s., was defrayed by the father-in-law, who was able to help, though it would have been out of his power to bear the whole cost. The woman is now earning a fair living.

2154. H. L., a married man with two children, met with an accident whilst at work, and was obliged to have his foot amputated. He applied for an artificial foot. After full enquiry, which was favourable, the case was referred to the Surgical Aid Society, who paid half the cost, the Society for the Relief of Distress and this Committee paying the other half between them. He was unable to resume his former employment, that of a labourer, and the Committee lent him £4 towards starting a coffee-stall, his fellow-workmen subscribing the remainder of the sum required. The loan is being paid off regularly, and the man is reported to be doing very well.

2188. M. P., a married woman, with two children, applied for help. Her husband had been laid up for two years; he had been provident, and subscribed to a club, but the club money had run out. The Society for the Relief of Distress and private persons gave a helping hand, till the man was again entitled to the benefits of his club.

CASES IN WHICH RELIEF WAS REFUSED.

2055. J. B. was sent by the School Board authorities. She applied for boots for herself and husband. The family consisted of six children, and their total earnings when in full work would amount to 58s. a week. The man's late employer said he was lazy, and drunk half his time; he was a good workman, and might be in constant employ were he only a sober man.

2036. M. R., a widow with three daughters, applied for clothes for herself and children. On enquiry it was ascertained that both mother and daughters were leading immoral lives.

2122. F. V., a widow, aged 40, was sent by a lady to this Committee. It was ascertained that she had relations in a very good position, who had done everything that lay in their power to help her, but unfortunately nothing would induce her to give up drinking. They said she was a first-rate mantle-maker, and could earn a good living if she liked, but she preferred begging to working, and anything given to her would be sure to go in drink.

APPENDIX.

I.—TABULAR STATEMENT OF CASES DEALT WITH
BY THE COMMITTEE BETWEEN OCTOBER 1, 1877,
AND SEPTEMBER 30, 1878.

CLASS I.—DISMISSED, OR UNFAVOURABLY REPORTED ON, AS—

1. Not requiring relief	38
2. Undeserving	55
3. Cases for Poor-Law, or otherwise in- eligible	111
Total	204

CLASS II.—RECOMMENDED TO—

1. The Guardians	1
2. Institutions or Local Agencies	36
3. Private Persons	53
Total	90

CLASS III.—ASSISTED BY—

1. Grants	83
2. Loans	27
3. Employment	1
4. Letters for hospitals, &c.	39
Total	150

Grand Total 444

Reports sent out	94
Inquiries for other Committees	171
Vagrants dealt with	2
Referred to other Committees	58

STATEMENT of RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURE from OCTOBER 1st, 1877, to SEPTEMBER 30th, 1878.

RECEIPTS.			EXPENDITURE.		
£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Balance . . . . .	.	.	By Rent of Office, 3 quarters	22	10 0
" Subscriptions	64	19 0	" Salaries :—		
" Donations	2	2 0	Agent 52 weeks, at £1. 5s. per week	65	0 0
			Clerk 3 quarters, at £25 per quarter	75	0 0
" for Special Cases		67 1 0	Collector's poundage	0	3 2
" " Convalescent Cases		54 19 7	" Stationery	5	6 7½
" Received for School Board Cases		9 5 0	" Printing	4	5 0
" Grants made by Council		11 9 7	" Postage	4	8 4
" Sale of Periodicals &c.		193 0 0	" Gas and Fuel	1	19 3
" Caution Money, Mineral Water Hospital, Bath, returned		0 16 3	" Newspapers	1	9 4
" Loans Repaid		3 0 0	" Office Cleaning	3	2 0
" Grants Repaid		57 1 6	" Incidentals	2	6 10½
		6 2 11½			185 10 7
			" Aid by Loans (in 27 cases)	42	18 0
			" Contributions to Special Cases	56	12 7
			" " Convalescent Cases	9	5 0
			" Grants to School Board Cases	13	2 6
			" Aid by Grants (in 83 cases)	57	19 10½
			" Caution Money, Mineral Water Hospital, Bath	3	0 0
			" Donation to Mineral Water Hospital	1	1 0
			" Balance	38	18 5½
					£408 8 0

** Examined and found correct, vouchers having been duly produced for the several items of expenditure.

ALFRED CARTER (Associate of the Institute of Actuaries), Auditor.—October 14, 1878.

LOCAL CHARITIES AND PROVIDENT AGENCIES.

Almshouses.

1717. Edward's Almshouses, 1 Church Street, Blackfriars Road.
 Hedger's Almshouses, Webber Row, Blackfriars Road.
 1730. Hopton's Almshouses, Green Walk, Blackfriars Road.
 1771. Overman's Almshouses, Montague Close.
 St. Saviour's Almshouses, Gravel Lane.
 1811. Surrey Chapel Almshouses, Hill Street, Blackfriars Road.
 1827. Licensed Victuallers' Asylum, Old Kent Road.
 1626. College of God's Gift, Dulwich.

Lunatics.

1547. Bethlehem Royal Hospital, Lambeth Road.

Sick.

1869. Evelina Hospital for Sick Children.
 1821. Royal South London Dispensary, St. George's Fields, Southwark.
 1857. Royal South London Ophthalmic Hospital, St. George's Circus.
 1777. Surrey Dispensary, 6 Great Dover Street.

Relief of the Poor.

1837. Cheesemongers' Benevolent Institution, 11 Wellington Street, London Bridge.
 Southwark Police Court Poor-Box.
 1839. Shipwrecked Fishermen and Mariners' Benevolent Society, Hibernia Chambers, London Bridge.
 1851. South London Visiting and Relief Association, 9 King Street, Southwark.
 1813. Southwark Female Society, Emerson Street, Bankside.
 1730. Neave Hamerton's Charity (Bread)
 1688. Sir John Shorter's Charity (Christmas Gifts)
 1790. Boyce's Charity (Distressed Clergy & others)
 1818. James Hayes' Charity
 1794. John Orr's Charity (Bread)
 1780. John Stock's Charity (Clothing)
 1814. Mrs. Mary Vernon's Charity (Bread)
 1729. Alexander Kellett's Charity (Christmas Gifts)
 1790. Christopher Ridout's Charity (Bread)
 1815. Mrs. Elizabeth Belcher's Charity (Relief of Sick in the Parish)
 1868. William Thorngate's Charity (Distressed Clergy)

Parish of
 Christchurch,
 Blackfriars
 Road.

	Delaforce's Charity		} Parish of St. George the Martyr.
	Kent Street Charity	(Pensioners)	
	Martin's & Fenner's Charities	(Distribution of Bibles)	
	Phillips' Charity	(Bread)	
	Sayer and Shaw's Charity	(Pensioners)	
	Grayson's Charity		} Parish of St. George the Martyr.
	Henry Smith's Charity	(Blankets &c.)	
	Simmond's Charity		
	Cooper's Charity	(Pensioners)	
	Dickinson's Charity	(Apprenticing)	
1752.	Mrs. Gatland's Gift	(Poor Widows)	} Parish of St. Saviour.
1819.	John Page's Gift	(Poor Widows)	
1795.	Richard Mark's Gift		
	Speary and Allen's Gift		
	Hannah Scott's Gift	(Bread)	
1620.	Thomas Emerson's Charity	(Widows)	} Parish of St. Saviour.
	Henry Smith's Charity	(Clothing)	
1791.	Mark Cork's Charity	(Clothing)	
1752.	Newcomen's Charity	(Clothing)	

Blind.

1863. Protestant Blind Society, 12, Wellington Street, London Bridge.
 1799. Indigent Blind School, St. George's Fields.
 1859. Society for Granting Annuities to the Blind, St. George's Fields.

Deaf and Dumb.

1792. Deaf and Dumb Asylum, Old Kent Road.

Education.

1626. College of God's Gift, Dulwich. (Two Scholars from St. Saviour's Parish.)
 1859. Albert Institution. (Infant and Sunday Schools.)
 1809. British and Foreign School Society, Borough Road.
 1830. King Edward's Schools. (Girls' School, St. George's Road.)
 1752. Newcomen's Charity, King Street, Borough.
 1562. St. Saviour's Free Grammar School, Sumner Street.
 1784. Benevolent Society of St. Patrick (for Children of Irish Parents), 61 Stamford Street.
 1811. Collett's Charity (Blue School), St. Saviour's, Southwark.
 1627. Marshall's Charity, 9 King Street, Southwark (Scholarships for natives of Southwark).

Miscellaneous.

1859. Albert Institution, Gravel Lane. (Baths and Washhouses, Infant and Sunday Schools, Dormitories, Working Men's Club, &c.)
 1627. Marshall's Charity, 9 King Street, Southwark. (Augmentation of Poor Livings.)
 1839. St. Stephen's Nursery, 48 Henry Street, King Street.
 1854. South London Shoebblack Society, 155A High Street, Southwark.

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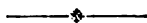
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THE DISTRICT.



The following Table shows the Ecclesiastical Districts over which the work of the Committee extends, with the names of the Clergy and Almoners for the Society for Relief of Distress. The population, as given in the Clergy List, amounts to over 100,000 inhabitants, and will be largely increased when the houses, now building on the site of the Surrey Gardens, are occupied:—

Church District.	Clergyman.	Almoner for the Society for Relief of Distress.
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OBJECTS

THE Objects of the Society for Organising Charitable Relief and Repressing Mendicity may be stated in the following terms:—

I. To bring into harmonious co-operation with each other and with the Poor Law authorities the various charitable agencies and individuals in the district, and thus effectually to check the evils of “overlapping” relief caused by simultaneous but independent action.

II. To investigate thoroughly the cases of all applicants for charitable relief, whether they are referred to the offices for inquiry and report, or whether they apply of their own accord.

III. To place gratuitously at the disposal of all charitable agencies and private persons the investigating machinery of the Committees of the Society, and to send, to persons having a legitimate interest in cases, full reports of the results of the investigations made.

IV. To obtain from the proper charities, or from charitable individuals, suitable and adequate relief for deserving cases.

V. To assist from its own funds, and as far as possible in the form of loans, all suitable cases *for which adequate assistance cannot be obtained from other sources.*

VI. To repress mendicity by the above means, by the gratuitous distribution of investigation tickets, and by the prosecution of impostors.

VII. To afford to the public at large information regarding the objects and mode of working of existing charities.

VIII. To promote, as far as possible, the general welfare of the poor by means of social and sanitary reforms, and by the inculcation of habits of providence and self-dependence.

REPORT.

The following tabular statement of cases will show the work of the Committee between Oct. 1, 1877, and Sept. 30, 1878 :

Class I.—Dismissed, or unfavourably reported on, as—

1. Not requiring relief	48
2. Undeserving	32
3. Cases for Poor Law, or otherwise ineligible	84
Total	164

Class II.—Recommended to—

1. The Guardians	16
2. Institutions or Local Agencies	49
3. Private Persons	29
Total	94

Class III.—Assisted by—

1. Grants	27
2. Loans	13
3. Employment	4
4. Letters for Hospitals, &c.	14
Total	58

Class IV.—Miscellaneous work of the Committee—

Reports sent out, whether on above cases or no,	155
Inquiries for other Committees	104
Vagrants dealt with	
Total	259
Grand Total	575

THE number of cases dealt with by the Committee this year is less than it was in 1876-1877 ; but it will be seen from the above tabular statement that the decrease is mainly in Class I.—“ Cases Dismissed ” without relief—and that there is a very large increase in the number of cases recommended to “ Institutions and Local Agencies.” These are in most instances cases in which the sitting Magistrate at the Lambeth Police Court, or one of the Almoners of the Society for Relief of Distress, has granted substantial relief. Of the whole number of cases about one-fifth of the applicants (or, in the case of widows, their late husbands) had belonged to insurance or benefit clubs. Of this number nine had lost benefit from non-payment of subscriptions, three were actually receiving assistance, and eleven widows had received sums varying from £6 10s. to £15 on the death of their husbands.

There have been forty-one cases brought under the consideration of the Committee by the School Board for Lambeth, under an arrangement by which Francis Peek, Esq., grants a large sum to enable poor people, who would otherwise be unable without assistance from the Poor Law, to send their children to school. In eighteen instances grants have been made of clothes or money, to fit the children to be sent to school. In two instances applicants, when they found enquiries were to be made, preferred to provide the boots from other sources. Eight cases were rejected as undeserving, and thirteen as cases dependent upon help from the Poor Law authorities. In the last class of cases the Committee consider that it is the duty of the Guardians to provide for the proper education of the children ; in the class of undeserving cases, though it is the parent's fault and not the child's, the Committee can have no confidence that the children will be really benefited, as any clothes which might be given the children would probably find their way to the pawn-shop, to provide for the wants of the parents, and this observation applies also to many of the cases dismissed under the head of Poor Law cases, though they were not actually in receipt of relief from the Poor Law at the time of application.

The £20 10s. 10d. appearing in the Balance Sheet under the head of Grants by no means represents the whole amount

expended in relief through the operation of the Committee. To be complete the amount would have to include the money expended on cases, on the recommendation of the Committee, by Private Persons, and by the Almoners of the Society for Relief of Distress, which would make the total considerably larger. The Society give relief where they cannot obtain it from some other source, but the chief work consists in investigating cases and furnishing information to other societies and benevolent individuals, thus directing charity into right channels, preventing the overlapping of charities, and checking imposture.

Your Committee have to report that they experience the same difficulties which are felt by all the District Committees in the poor parts of London. The residents in Newington are, for the most part, professional men, or persons engaged in trade and business pursuits, having little or no time at their disposal to devote to the work of the Society; and the Committee find that, in consequence of the failure to obtain the services of a resident gentleman as Honorary Secretary, the cost of administration is heavy, in proportion to the amount raised by subscriptions and donations.

During the past year the Committee had seriously to consider what means they had at their disposal to meet the expenses of the Office. They found that the Donations made to the Committee had been decreased by the amount of £30, a sum which had been granted for some years by the Trustees of the St. Mary, Newington, Copyhold Estates, and that, though the annual subscriptions had not decreased, there was no immediate prospect of any considerable addition to them. Under these circumstances it seemed desirable to reduce the expenses of administration. Accordingly, the Committee determined to dismiss their Enquiry Agent, and to try with one officer, Mr. Kennion, their Local Secretary, undertaking to do the whole work. The Committee hope this arrangement will work satisfactorily, but they are constrained to express their opinion that, failing to obtain the services of an Honorary Secretary able to make a daily attendance at the Office, the work of the Newington Committee cannot be performed with thorough efficiency by a single officer.

Three of the members of the Committee are Almoners of the Society for the Relief of Distress for seven out of the fourteen ecclesiastical districts over which the work of the Committee extends. The funds which are placed at the disposal of these gentlemen by the Society for the Relief of Distress are expended in relieving cases which have been investigated and recommended by the Committee. In this way a very valuable co-operation is established between the two Societies; the Committee on the one hand obtains funds for the relief of deserving cases, and the Society for Relief of Distress secures a guarantee that its funds will be employed in the relief only of cases which have been thoroughly investigated.

The same kind of co-operation exists between the Lambeth Magistrate and the Committee. The Magistrate making use of the machinery of the Committee to investigate cases of distress which are brought to his notice, and in turn helping the Committee with liberal donations for the maintenance of that machinery, and the assistance of applicants who have been recommended by the Committee for relief.

The Committee regret that there is not a closer co-operation between the Board of Guardians and themselves. Unfortunately there is only one member of the Board of Guardians on the Committee; and the extent of the co-operation between the Committee and the Board consists in the transmission of cases by the Relieving Officer to the Committee, and in the reference to the Guardians of persons considered by the Committee to be necessarily dependent upon parish relief.

The Committee propose in future to establish a Relief Fund separate from their General Fund, and a Loan Fund separate from both; and in asking for subscriptions they wish to give Subscribers the option of making their contributions payable to any one or more of these three funds.

The General Fund is that out of which the office expenses and the salaries of the paid officers of the Society have to be met. The primary object of the Society is to bring together the givers and recipients of charity throughout London; and the Committee is constantly sending information to, and receiving information from, the thirty-seven other District

Committees of the Society within the metropolis, besides dealing with the cases arising within their own district. These expenses have already been largely reduced, and would be reduced still further if more voluntary help could be obtained.

In establishing a separate Relief Fund, the Committee cannot undertake to relieve every case. They would rather be getters than givers of relief, and where there are other relieving bodies more fitted to give relief, and able to do so adequately, they will not interfere with their action. They can only give from their own funds where timely assistance may be reasonably expected to lead to permanent benefit. They cannot, therefore, assist those cases of destitution, however distressing, which nothing but a permanent dole can save from sinking into pauperism; nor those already in receipt of parish relief, unless there is a reasonable prospect of their earning an independent livelihood in the future.

There is another class of cases which the Committee regret that they are unable, as a rule, to assist; and of which they have had a great number during the past year, viz., applications for employment. The Committee have not the means or the machinery to carry on the work of a labour agency. As a rule, applicants can find work much better for themselves; but the Committee are always ready to help applicants, by advertisements in the local and general papers, in cases where it seems likely to be useful; and they would be glad if employers of labour in the neighbourhood would allow the Committee to refer to them men of good character for sobriety and industry. They have always on their labour register the names of many widows and others who would be glad to get casual jobs of charring or needlework, and of men fit for messengers or other light work.

By the Loan Fund the Committee desire to help the poor in times of temporary difficulty, by affording them a means of obtaining a loan of money without having to pay the enormous interest that is generally demanded of them. The Committee lend the money without interest, demanding repayment by weekly instalments of 5 per cent. of the amount lent; and they require the borrower to find a surety, a householder, except in exceptional circumstances, for the repayment of the sum lent.

They also make enquiries to satisfy themselves that the loan is required and is likely to prove beneficial, and that there is a reasonable prospect of repayment *by the borrower*. These loans, the Committee generally find are repaid without difficulty if the punctual payment of instalments are looked after, and they have frequently granted a second loan to the same person. But many applicants come to the office who object to the necessary enquiries, and seem to expect loans, often of considerable amount, to be granted immediately without enquiry or security. Such applications, of course, the Committee cannot entertain.

In conclusion, the Committee desire to thank their subscribers for their contributions; the Magistrates for their great help, both by their liberal donations and their kind co-operation; and the clergy of the district for their readiness to help the Committee, and their kindness whenever referred to. They would press strongly for more help, not only in money, but in personal work and interest. The work of the Committee is necessarily crippled and imperfect so long as hearty local co-operation and assistance is absent; whilst each individual who joins personally in the work of the Committee increases largely its power for good.

The Committee append a summary of a few cases, as examples of the applications which have been made to them during the past year, arranged on a similar plan to the tabular analysis of cases at the commencement of the Report.

EXAMPLES OF CASES.

CLASS I.—CASES DISMISSED.

A. *Not Requiring Relief.*

No. 5,046.—A man asks for a loan of £4 to complete some work he has on hand; indignantly refuses to answer questions or to find a security, saying we ought to trust a respectable man like him without.

No. 5,122.—A widow applies for boots, to enable her two youngest children to go to school. She has three other children, two of them sons earning good wages, the third a daughter in service. She receives £30 a year from the Ironmongers' Hall, which, with what her sons allow her, makes her income about 28s. 6d. a week. The youngest son could easily give her more.

B. *Undeserving.*

No. 4,996.—A chemist, with a wife and one child, asks for assistance to stock a small sweet shop. He said he hoped in a few months to come into possession of a property in the country worth £1,000, out of which he promised our officer a present if he would favour his case with the Committee. Applicant had previously obtained £1 from a clergyman in the district to go and see this property, yet he referred to him for character, and denied having had the money when taxed with it. A letter to a previous address was answered by a person of the same name as applicant, who knew nothing of him.

No. 5,105.—A young woman, just come out of prison, applies for help. She is not known at the address she gives, and her reference cannot be found. Her husband, aged 27, is in prison; and, on enquiry, it is discovered they were both sent to prison at the same time for creating a disturbance outside a public house and assaulting the police.

C. (i) *Poor Law Cases*, or (ii) *Otherwise Ineligible.*

A good example of (i) is No. 4,983.—A widow, with four young children, applies for boots, to enable two of her children to go to school. Applicant bears an excellent character, but her health only allows her to earn 4s. a week, and she receives 5s. from the Guardians. The Committee would be interfering with the proper province of the Guardians if they granted the boots.

An example of (ii) is No. 4,987.—A widow, aged 37, with four young children, applies for assistance to buy a mangle. She received £14 on the death of her husband from his club, but spent £11 on his funeral, and has only £2 10s. left. There are, also, several mangles in the neighbourhood, and two in the same street within a few doors of applicant's house. In this case there is a want of thrift in spending so much money on the husband's funeral, and no sufficient prospect of obtaining work to really benefit the applicant by the assistance asked for.

CLASS II.—RECOMMENDED TO

1. *The Guardians.*

No. 5,076.—A widow, aged 80, hitherto supported by a married son and 4s. from a brother so long as she does not go to the workhouse. The son, who has a family of his own, is thrown out of work from slackness of trade. On the recommendation of the Committee the Guardians granted 3s. a week outdoor relief.

2. *Institutions.*

No. 5,143.—A woman, who had been a dairymaid in a lady's family, was suddenly left a widow with two young children, by the death of her husband from an accident. Both husband and wife were held in high esteem by all who knew them. The Committee recommended the case to the Almoner of the Society for Relief of Distress, while they tried to find applicant employment. This they failed to do, but the Almoner gave her 10s. for her immediate necessities, and afterwards got her a little washing promised. Some months afterwards she applied for £1 1s., to buy an ironing stove, which was given her by the Almoner, and she is now doing well.

No. 5,208.—A carman, aged 80, had had to pledge his things, and was behindhand with the rent, but, having got permanent employment, applied for a loan to set him straight. The case was referred to the Almoner for the Society for Relief of Distress, who granted a loan of £1 10s., which was punctually repaid.

No. 5,264.—A widow, whom the Committee had previously helped by getting her sewing machine out of pledge, was again in difficulties from illness. On the recommendation of the Committee the Almoner of the Society for Relief of Distress granted 5s. a week during illness. From not being able to work she was again in arrears with rent, &c., and subsequently, on the report of the Committee, received 10s. from the Magistrate.

3. *Private Persons.*

No. 5,005.—Applicant, a married woman, with four grown-up children (two sons). Husband and wife had been refreshment contractors at three of the principal theatres in London. The wife fell ill, and the husband squandered their money, and left her without assistance. She had since been living with one of her married daughters. One of the sons was an actor at one of the principal theatres, and, on the manager being applied to, he spoke to the son, and induced him to promise his mother 8s. 6d. a week. Applicant herself obtained a situation as housekeeper in a theatrical family.

No. 5,239.—A girl, aged 20, in an advanced stage of consumption, living with her mother, aged 56 (who went out charing, but, with assistance from the parish, only has 10s. 9d. a week), applied for a convalescent letter. The doctor, however, on being written to, recommended a home in the country. A lady found her a comfortable home in Bedfordshire (at a part of the county recommended for consumptive patients). The Committee sent her there for eight weeks, paying 8s. a week, the money being obtained from private persons, and appearing in the Balance Sheet under the head of Special Cases. Applicant returned much benefited.

CLASS III.—ASSISTED BY
Grants.

Nos. 5,071, 5,273, 5,286.—Grants of money to young women of good character, to get decent clothing, to enable them to take situations promised them.

No. 5,009.—A woman, with six children. Her husband, suffering from brain disease and paralysis, was removed to an asylum by the Guardians, on the recommendation of the Committee in 1876. Applicant had since maintained herself and family, and now applied to us for 30s., as the Mendicity Society had promised to get her a sewing machine if she could obtain that sum. The money was given and the machine obtained.

No. 5,149.—Applicant, aged 55, paralysed, and can do no work. Wife earns a few shillings. They have brought up a family of six children, all of them earning their living except the youngest, aged 15, for whom an outfit is required to enable him to go on board the ship "Lieutenant," as an apprentice. The Clergyman of the Parish gave £1 10s., the Magistrate £1, and the Committee 10s.

Loans.

No. 4,153.—A young husband and wife, with two small children. Wife asks for a loan to get sewing machine out of pledge. £1 lent, and repaid in due course.

No. 5,092.—A man, to whom a loan was granted in August, 1876, to pay arrears and fine, to enable him to re-enter his Benefit Club, applied for another loan to take some clothes out of pawn. Both loans have been punctually repaid.

Employment.

No. 5,004.—A discharged sailor, with good character, was recommended by the Committee to apply to, and was received into, the Thames Police.

No. 5,276.—A boy, aged 13, applied for a situation; his character proving satisfactory, one of the Committee promised to employ him, but, after the agreement was made, the boy took another place. (The Committee have given this as an example to show the difficulty they have with this class of cases; and it is not the only one of the kind.)

Letters for Hospitals.

No. 5,211.—A labourer, aged 49, left work on account of ill-health, receiving 3s. 9d. a week from his club. A letter for Walton Convalescent Home was given him. Applicant returned after a month's stay much benefited, and asked for 5s., to pay three months' club arrears, as he had spent the money on his journey to the home. Money granted.

No. 5,221.—Applicant was suffering from lead poisoning in the right hand, and disabled for work. A Walton letter given him, but he returned only slightly better. The Committee then sent him to the Bath Mineral Waters Hospital, paying his fare down. Applicant returned much benefited, and has gone to work.

SUBSCRIPTIONS AND DONATIONS.

	£	s.	d.
Adams, Rev. W. P. C., St. Paul's	1	1	0
Adams, Miss, 26, Carter Street	2	2	0
Brand, Mr., 104, Queen's Gate	3	0	0
Bools, Mr., Penton House	0	2	6
Bowden, Mr., 208, East Street	0	2	6
Burrows, Mr., 45, Doddington Grove	0	3	6
Bishop, Mr., 248, Walworth Road	2	2	0
Collins, Mr., 14, Grosvenor Street	0	5	0
Cope, Mr., 97, Walworth Road	0	2	6
Chester, Mr., 86, Newington Butts	2	2	0
Dover, Rev. T. B., St. Agnes' Vicarage	1	1	0
Evans, Mr., Brandon Street	0	2	6
Elliott, Rev. L., 10, Kennington Park Road	1	1	0
Ferris, Mr., 244, Walworth Road	0	2	6
Falkner, Mr., 18, Camberwell Road	0	5	0
Goodall, Mr., 261, Walworth Road	0	2	6
Golding-Bird, Dr., 16, St. Thomas Street. . . .	0	10	0
Garrett, Mr., 1, Walworth Road	0	2	6
Grosvenor, Honble. A., 35, Park Street	3	3	0
Heathcote, Mr., Pump Court, Temple	2	0	0
Heathcote, Mr., Pump Court, Temple	5	0	0
Henderson, Mr., 50, Doddington Grove	0	2	0
Hinchcliffe, Mr., 104, Walworth Road	0	2	6
Hurlbutt, Miss, 99, Kennington Park Road	0	10	6
Hurlbutt, Miss M., 99, Kennington Park Road	0	10	6
Hall, Rev. W., St. Mary's Vicarage	0	10	6
Iliffe, Dr., 37, Kennington Park Road	0	10	0
Jones, Mr., 58, Walworth Road	0	2	6
Johnson, Mr., 73, Gurney Street	0	10	0
Keasting, Mr., 21, Doddington Grove	0	5	0

Carried forward. . . .	£27	16	6
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	£	s.	d.
Brought forward	27	16	6
Lynn, Mr., 10, Camberwell Road	0	10	6
Lowance, Mr., 88, New Kent Road	0	2	6
Muskett, Miss, 16, Doddington Grove	0	5	0
Marsdyke, Mrs., 18, Grosvenor Park	0	5	0
Mills, Mr. F. C., 44, St. James' Place	3	0	0
Pocock, Messrs., Southwark Bridge Road	1	1	0
Police Magistrates (Lambeth)	50	0	0
Russell, Rev. G., 229, New Kent Road	0	10	0
Rathbone & Son, Messrs., Newington Causeway	1	1	0
Robin, Mr., 12, Victoria Square	1	1	0
Scotto, Mr., 31, Boyson Road	0	5	0
Sylvester, Mr., 18, Great Dover Street	1	1	0
Strawbridge, Rev. A., 166, New Kent Road	1	1	0
Short, Mr., 56, Doddington Grove	0	2	6
Smith, Mrs., 43, Doddington Grove	0	5	0
Shepherd, Mr., 245, Walworth Road	0	2	6
Smith, Mr., Newington Butts	0	2	6
Tarn, Messrs., Newington Causeway	5	5	0
Thornton, Du Pre, Mr.	10	10	0
Ware, Mr., 23, Blackman Street	1	1	0
Woolf, Mr., 34, Walworth Road	0	2	6
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	£105	10	6
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STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE,

From 1st October, 1877, to 1st October, 1878.

Gr.	RECEIPTS.			EXPENDITURE.			Gr.		
	£	s.	d.				£	s.	d.
To Balance, as per last Account	.	16	4	3	By Salaries	.	152	0	0
" Annual Subscriptions	.	50	0	6	" Collector	.	2	18	0
" Donations	.	55	10	0	" Rent	.	25	0	0
" Grants from Central Office	.	115	0	0	" Repairs	.	0	13	0
" Do. from Mr. Peek, for School Board Cases	.	4	12	9	" Stationery	.	2	15	6½
" Grants for Special Cases	.	15	11	6	" Office Books	.	3	15	0
" Repayments of Loans	.	21	2	0	" Printing	.	7	6	0
					" Postages	.	4	17	11½
					" Gas	.	1	4	11
					" Incidentals	.	9	6	0
					" Grants	.	20	10	10
					" Loans	.	10	6	6
					" School Board Cases	.	4	12	8
					" Special Cases	.	15	15	6
					" Balance at Bank	.	14	4	4
					" Cash in hand	.	2	14	9
							£278	1	0
1878. October 1st.	To Balance at Bank	£14	4	4	Examined and found correct, DEACON & JOHNSON, Auditors, 44 and 46, Ludgate Hill, E.C.				

SOCIETY FOR
ORGANISING CHARITABLE RELIEF
AND
REPRESSING MENDICITY.

ST. OLAVE'S UNION COMMITTEE.

ANNUAL REPORT
1877-8.

The object of this Society is TO DIRECT CHARITABLE RELIEF TO DESERVING CASES OF DISTRESS, and TO CHECK IMPOSITION.

The Committee asks your co-operation in the following

ERRATA.

The OFFICES of the Society have been removed to 43, BERMONDSEY SQUARE, and not 25, as printed on 1st, 6th, and 22nd pages.

THROUGH, a supply of names sent to the Committee.
 Office; or send his name and address to the Committee.

3. Should anyone apply for relief at your house, either by letter or in person, forward the letter or refer the case to this Office, where it will be investigated and a report sent to you, if requested.

Every case referred to this Office will be inquired into, free of expense, and, for those in London, if found deserving, no pains will be spared to obtain the necessary assistance.

25, BERMONDSEY SQUARE, S.E.

Hours : 9.30 to 11.30 a.m.; and 5 to 6 p.m., each day, except Saturday, when 9.30 to 12 only.

President.

THE LORD BISHOP OF ROCHESTER.

Vice-President.

COLONEL MARCUS BERESFORD, M.P.

Committee.* W. F. BEAUFORD, *Chairman.*

BALFOUR, B. R.	HUNT, E. H.
BARLEE, MISS L.	LAWRENCE, H. W.
BAYLEY, EDRIC.	LAWRENCE, HON. C. N.
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CUOLAHAN, HUGH, M.D.	RITCHIE, MISS E.
EVE, MISS	ROSS, J. P., COL. J. S.
FITZROY, MAJOR C. C.	RUSSELL, MRS.
FOLKESTONE, VISCOUNT.	SALTER, FRANK.
GITTINS, JOHN, M.D.	SIMPSON, G. BRIDGEMAN.
GOLDING-BIRD, REV. S.	SMITH, HUGH C.
GROSE, ALFRED.	WILSON, REV. JAMES.
HUME, EDWARD.	

Representatives at the Council.

COL. J. S. ROSS, J.P.

A. M. M. CRICHTON.

Treasurer.

HUGH C. SMITH.

Honorary Secretary.

* W. F. LAWRENCE.

Bankers.

CENTRAL BANK OF LONDON (TOOLEY STREET BRANCH).

Agents.

RICHARD FROST.

J. TEE.

* Almoners for Society for Relief of Distress.

OBJECTS.

The Objects of the Society for organising Charitable Relief and Repressing Mendicity may be stated in the following terms :—

I.—To bring into harmonious co-operation with each other and with the Poor-law authorities the various charitable agencies and individuals in the district, and thus effectually to check the evils of “overlapping” relief caused by simultaneous but independent action.

II.—To investigate thoroughly the cases of all applicants for charitable relief, whether they are referred to the offices for inquiry and report, or whether they apply of their own accord.

III.—To place gratuitously at the disposal of all charitable agencies and private persons the investigating machinery of the Committees of the Society, and to send to persons having a legitimate interest in cases, full reports of the result of the investigations made.

IV.—To obtain from the proper charities, or from charitable individuals, suitable and adequate relief for deserving cases.

V.—To assist from its own funds, and as far as possible in the form of loans, all suitable cases for which adequate relief cannot be obtained from other sources.

VI.—To repress mendicity by the above means, by the gratuitous distribution of Investigation Tickets, and by the prosecution of impostors.

VII.—To afford to the public at large information regarding the objects and mode of working of existing charities.

VIII.—To promote, as far as possible, the general welfare of the poor by means of social and sanitary reforms, and by the inculcation of habits of providence and self-dependence.

WORK OF THE COUNCIL, 1877—8.

During the Session of the year 1877-8, 38 meetings of Council were held, with an average attendance of 49 members.

This is a considerably larger average than in former years; and when it is remembered that the Council is composed mainly of representatives from every part of London, and is a meeting place at which those who are familiar with the wants of the poor and are practically engaged in endeavouring to meet those wants can interchange opinions and experience, the utility of these meetings will be obvious. Questions of an immediate or permanent interest, the difficulties of which are well known, are frequently discussed: how to aid the poor to obtain employment; how to deal satisfactorily with cases of chronic infirmity; loans; the Army Reserves, and so forth. And the Council, in which there is a frequent change of representatives and a consequent introduction of new members, affords a means for the continuous consideration and discussion of subjects which cannot be settled off-hand by any approved method or theory of organisation, but which require the knowledge, co-operation, and energy of each successive generation of workers.

During the earlier part of the session two subjects, which are rather private to the Society than of general interest, were discussed at considerable length. The Administrative Committee of the Council was placed on an entirely new footing. New arrangements were also made for the conduct of business in the office of the Council.

Vagrancy.

During the winter of 1877-8 there was throughout the country a great increase in vagrancy. It appeared that in London the information that bread was given at the offices of the Committees had spread, and some of the offices were in consequence beset, generally towards mid-day, by large numbers of vagrants and wayfarers. The responsibility of dealing with cases of sudden and urgent necessity rested mainly upon the local Poor Law authorities; but by the rules of the Society their agents had been authorised, in cases of absolute hunger, to give bread to be eaten upon the spot. It was evident, however, that in the application of this rule great discretion was necessary on the part of the agents. A circular accordingly was issued, pointing out that the rule applied to cases of extreme urgency only; but that in all exceptional homeless cases, which did not appear suitable for reference to a Relieving Officer, the agents were to use their discretion in giving whatever immediate assistance might be required, with a view to the more complete treatment of the case afterwards. By the liber-

ality of a member of the Society, special arrangements have been made at the Newport Market Refuge for the reception of these cases.

A Sub-Committee, which reported on the subject of loans **Loans.** made by District Committees, made the following returns :—

Total amount lent during two years ending	£	s.	d.
September 30, 1877	3,694	8	11
Of this there had been repaid	2,986	12	5
Loans outstanding and deemed recoverable, though including doubtful debts	618	0	7
Written off as bad debts	144	10	11

The Society by its present rules does not undertake chronic cases. Hitherto indeed it has been considered that they should be dealt with by private persons or by the existing pension societies. The change, however, of public opinion on the subject of the administration of outdoor relief, the endeavour to mark more clearly the division between cases suitable for the Poor Law and those suitable for charity, the apparent inability of the existing institutions to deal effectively with pension cases, the necessity of some provision for cases which fitted into none of the categories framed by the institutions or could not wait for admission, led to suggestions being made to alter the rule now in force and to undertake to assist suitable chronic cases, under certain conditions, either by the co-operation of individuals whose contributions would be organised for one or more special cases, or by the establishment of pension funds, or eventually by the application of charitable endowments. On the other hand, it was thought that such proposals would largely increase the responsibilities of the Society, while the District Committees, by the many methods to which they resorted for dealing effectively with these cases, were learning what the solution of the difficulty might be. No change therefore was made.

**Pension
Cases.**

Cognate to this question is that of adequate temporary relief. The difficulty of obtaining such relief was, it was urged, very great. There were, from time to time, cases of an exceptional nature in which a sum of money was required quite out of proportion to the relief obtainable, under ordinary circumstances, by the means and influence of a local Committee or by reference to any of the Metropolitan Relief Societies. To meet this want, it was arranged that a book containing the names of those willing to give liberal charitable assistance should be kept at the offices of the Council; and several persons, on seeing a notice on the subject in the *Charity Organisation Reporter* and in the Annual Report of the Council, have consented to relieve

**Adequate
Relief.**

these cases on reference. This, together with the insertion of appeals in the *Reporter*, has enabled the Council to obtain sufficient aid for all exceptional cases considered suitable by the Administrative Committee.

The Army
Reserves.

When the Reserves were called out, it became a question whether any special efforts should be made to meet the distress which, it was stated, existed among their wives and families. No conclusive evidence as to the inadequacy of the remuneration received by the Reserve men was forthcoming, and it was felt that, if cases of distress arose, they could be thoroughly dealt with by the means already afforded to the public by the Society. It was considered also that, if the remuneration were in fact inadequate, it was better that the Government should increase it than that inducements should be created for making independent persons applicants for charity.

Provident
Dispensar-
ies, &c.

Other subjects, such as the relation of organisation to relief in the Society, the better treatment of School Board cases, co-operation with the Guardians, the Education of the Blind, have been carefully considered by the Council or its standing Committees. More especially on the development of the Provident Dispensary system has much labour been expended; and it is believed that steps have been taken which will eventually lead to the substitution of some form of assurance against ordinary sickness for the present indiscriminate out-patient medical relief.

N.B.—The Committee hope to remove from 172, Tooley Street, to 25, Bermondsey Square, after March 25th.

REPORT.

THE St. Olave's Committee of the Charity Organisation Society desire to present to their subscribers, and also to the inhabitants of the district, a clear statement of their position and work. And this they do with the full knowledge of how much remains to be done, and that the importance of this large district requires from them assiduous work, if their *raison d'être* is to be justified, and if they are to claim the support of the district.

The work of
Committee.

The Committee have, during the last year, carefully examined and considered nearly 400 applications for relief, for 187 of which they procured help from various Relieving Agencies, and a further 57 they relieved by grant or loan out of their own funds.

These figures cannot but show that the work of this Committee has been considerable, and the further fact should be stated that, owing to the falling off, from time to time, of the Honorary helpers, it has pressed unduly on those who have continued to work for the Society.

This is, no doubt, a trial common to all charitable work in so extended a district, one in which there are few residents who have leisure to give to work of this nature.

Owing to this cause, in a measure, many annual subscription have fallen into arrear without further adequate help having been obtained, by which and other means the indebtedness of the Committee is now of serious moment. The deficit from last year amounts to £48 15s. 4d., and though the Committee are retrenching their expenses wherever feasible, at present the Society receives from the district a sum quite inadequate to meet their needs.

Need of
help.

With a view to supply the vacancies in their ranks, the Committee are making great efforts to persuade new members to join their body, and are particularly desirous of such help from those to whom business or residence in the district would give a more immediate interest in their work.

Popular
misconcep-
tions.

While the Committee, however, is redoubling its efforts to be of use to the district, and inviting the clergy and others to co-operate with them, they think it desirable to state briefly a few points of their system which are continually liable to misrepresentation in spite of every endeavour of the Society to the contrary, and which may have been the cause of some holding aloof, who, if they understood the real aims of the Society, would be the first to welcome it in the district.

That the
Society
would ad-
minister the
funds of
other bodies

Of popular misconceptions, the relations of the Society towards other relieving bodies, and the distribution of their funds is, perhaps, the greatest; many think it would take these funds into its own hands, but the fact is, the Society desires to leave all relief in the hands of the present donors, and if public opinion were ripe to receive its strict principle, it would never distribute a penny of money itself, but merely be a medium of information on the abstract merits of an applicant for relief.

But while charity, for all its countless agencies, is too often hampered and hedged in with divers restrictions, many of the deserving poor would fail of assistance were the Society to act on the strict letter of its principle, confining itself only, to the obtaining of relief from existing charities, instead of giving it itself: thus it is we ask funds for the relief of distress, hardly less than for the immediate objects of the Society.

From a similar misconception arises the common charge of extravagance, owing to an excess of office expenditure over that given in relief.

Relief not
the object
of the
Society.

It cannot be too strongly insisted on, that Relief is not the aim of the Society, for it holds that there already exist ample funds in the Metropolis for relief, which merely require being economized and directed into proper channels, and thus it fulfils its purpose more by bringing relief from other sources to a deserving case, and preventing it going to an undeserving, than by giving a shilling out of money lying at its own disposal.

As regards office expenditure the Committee are not less alive to the matter of economy than the public.

The fact, however, must always be borne in mind that Inquiry is the groundwork of the Society's system, and this inquiry is of a delicate nature. It therefore can only be trusted to the hands of those who are specially adapted to such work, and, to obtain the services of proper persons, an adequate wage must be offered, in some proportion to the responsibility of their duties. Inquiry the
System of
the Society,

its cost

When on this subject of the paid agency, it may be convenient to point out the nature of the inquiries to which those who work with the Society attach so much value. These inquiries specially relate to the previous addresses of the applicant, his employer and landlord. The information derived therefrom continually illustrates their value, while it is clearly beyond the power of the clergy to make these inquiries, even if, in so doing, they would not derogate from their clerical position: much the same in the case with charitable institutions, and donors of private charity generally. and nature.

With this view, the Charity Organisation came into being, and it presents to the public, the clergy, and others, an impartial body of gentlemen located in each Poor Law Union in London, who are bound to ascertain and carefully consider whether any applicant is suitable for charitable relief, and if need be, to procure it for him. It need scarcely be stated that no inquiries are made, on the applicant expressing a wish to that effect; but the Committee, under these circumstances, would not pledge themselves to undertake the case.

Yet another charge commonly brought against the action of the Committee, is, that applications too frequently result in nothing but inquiry. It is, of course, unnecessary to observe upon the very considerable number of cases where the result of inquiry is clearly to show that the applicant is undeserving. But there are also cases where, although no such strict proof is forthcoming, circumstances are brought to light which seriously reflect on the applicant's character, and others, where assistance given, would weaken the ties of relationship, or be a premium on improvidence. Why some
cases are
not relieved

Such cases as these the Committee are obliged to regard as ineligible, and are prevented from recommending for relief to any of the charitable institutions. The Committee are, however, also obliged to dismiss, without giving or obtaining relief, a considerable number of cases even when the result of inquiry is favourable to the applicants. It is their general rule, and they believe it to be a wholesome rule, to regard cases of distress as only eligible for relief when there is a reasonable prospect that timely aid will lead to permanent benefit. The Committee do not undertake to provide relief for cases of hopeless destitution, however distressing the circumstances may be, which must, sooner or later, sink into pauperism, as it is contrary to their principles to interfere with the functions of the Poor Law.

Poor Law cases.

Another class of cases in which the Committee are often unable to provide relief, is when the application is for employment: the Committee have not themselves either the connection or machinery required to conduct efficiently a labour agency or registry. Applicants seeking employment are therefore always cautioned as to the little prospects of success that can be held out, though the Committee do not fail to use any influence that may be in their power with employers of labour, and otherwise, if such influence promises any chance of success.

Employment.

With a view to shorten the period during which an applicant has had to wait until his case has been dealt with, the Committee have for the future decided to have two meetings a week, the second one being for the deciding of cases only.

Bi-weekly Meetings.

They also, with a view to meet the convenience of the clergy and residents of the district, propose moving their office to a central point in Bermondsey.

New offices.

Both these alterations will add largely to the work, and detract from the time of those gentlemen who come from a distance to work on the Committee.

The Committee therefore trust that this evidence of their exertions will meet with due response from the district, the more

so as it cannot be too often stated or too widely known that the work of the Society is confessedly incomplete and imperfect as long as it is not in co-operation with the clergy and all relieving agencies of the district.

The Committee regret they have been unable to further the promotion of a Public Nursery as they had hoped in previous years; they however welcome the success which promises to attend the labours of others, and will take any step that would seem yet further to promote the object.

SPECIMEN CASES.

CLASS I. DISMISSED.

INELIGIBLE.

Case 1586. Stableman, aged 52; wife and two children depending on him, having four adult unmarried sons; his own earnings 25s. per week; family bore an excellent character from all quarters. Applied for special boot for a lame child. Committee deemed the family quite able to provide for same.

Case 1508. Lighterman, aged 87, wife and five children; eldest girl 14, staying at home; applied for clothing from Mr. Peek's fund: the man had a bad character, and was able to earn excellent wages: clothes were refused, but girl was offered entrance to Dudley Stuart Home to prepare her for service; this offer her parents declined.

CLASS II. RECOMMENDED.

TO PRIVATE PERSONS.

Case 1574. W.F.C., aged 58, formerly a sea captain but of late years a labourer, having wife aged 48, and three children depending on him (three other adults not able to support parents); was now hopelessly attacked with cancer. The family having borne an excellent character for 8 years, not having received Parish Relief, and W.F.C. being too bad to move to any Hospital, the Committee procured by advertisement or otherwise

an allowance of 10s. per week from private persons. It is unlikely W.F.C. can long survive.

TO INSTITUTIONS.

Case 1406. Engine driver, aged 25, wife and one child ; earning 24s. per week. Had been ill three months, had an excellent character, and belonged to a club. Relieved by Society for Relief of Distress, and sent to Eastbourne Convalescent Home.

CLASS III. RELIEVED.

BY GRANTS.

Case 1488. Man, wife, and five children, artificial flower makers, having been attacked with typhus fever, their small stock and furniture was destroyed by landlady during their stay in Hospital. Committee granted 20s. ; private persons, on its recommendation, also, 10s. for the re-purchase of stock.

Case 1468. Girl, aged 17, the daughter of excellent parents who earned 28s. per week ; was paralyzed from childhood, but had learnt straw-bonnet making in the Cripples' Home. Applied for new instrument to enable her to work, having outgrown and broken one hitherto used. Instrument provided at a cost of £4.

Case 1560. Widow, aged 27, four children (two off her hands), most respectable and striving ; home clean : she had lived by pawning since her husband's death, being unable to get work owing to her children. She having taken steps to provide for them, had obtained a situation, and sought necessary outfit. 25s. granted.

Case 1577. C.I., hairdresser, aged 66, wife 61 ; two children doing well in New Zealand, two earning small wages here. Help required towards outfit of a younger girl to proceed to brothers in New Zealand on their own invitation, and having promised to pay £2 towards outfit. Family bore an excellent character. £1 granted.

BY LOANS.

Case 1398. A brushmaker, wife, and three children of excellent character; had pawned his tools, and needed stock to work up. Loan of 20s. granted (since nearly repaid); also recommended to Society for Relief of Distress for 20s. to recover his tools.

Case 1421. Aged 46, deserted by her husband 8 years; had been Matron in many Institutions, and was highly respected. Many efforts were made to procure her employment, which she ultimately obtained, and 80s. was granted as loan to buy clothes, and for support until taking the place.

Case 1514. An ex-postman, aged 35, incapacitated through health failing, had a wife and six children; bore an excellent character; was in receipt of Government Pension: desired loan to purchase sewing machine. £3 granted on security.

*Cases dealt with during Years 1876-7, 1877-78, to
September 30th in each Year.*

CLASS I.—Dismissed, or Unfavourably Reported on, as—

1. Not requiring relief	59	35
2. Undeserving	35	32
3. Cases for Poor-Law, or otherwise ineligible	98	129

CLASS II.—Recommended to—

1. The Guardians	1	2
2. Institutions or Local Agencies	65	59
3. Private Persons	86	55

CLASS III.—Assisted by—

1. Grants	115	43
2. Loans	25	14
3. Employment	5	6
4. Letters for Hospitals, &c.	15	17

* 504 392

* Omitted in last Report.

EMPLOYMENT OF APPLICANTS.

Artfl. Flower Maker	1	Gardener ...	...	1	Sack Maker	...	1		
Bakers	...	...	2	General Agent	...	1	Sailors	...	3
Barge Builder	...	...	1	Glass Cutter	...	1	Sawyers	...	2
Book Binders	...	...	2	Green Grocer	...	1	Schoolmasters	...	3
Bookfolder	...	...	1	Hairdresser	...	1	Servants	...	4
Boiler Maker	...	...	1	Hair Net Maker	...	1	Ship Chandler	...	1
Brass Finisher	...	...	1	Hammermen	...	3	Ship's Stewards	...	2
Brushmakers	...	...	2	Harness Maker	...	2	Shipwrights	...	2
Bricklayers	...	...	5	Hatters	...	2	Shoebblack...	...	1
Broom-handleMakers	3	Hawkers	...	...	7	Shoe Makers	...	3	
Butcher	...	...	1	Horse Keepers	...	2	Shopkeepers	...	4
Cab-driver	...	...	2	Ironer	...	1	Shopwomen	...	3
Cap Makers	...	...	2	Labourers	...	96	Slater	...	1
Carmen	...	...	12	Laundress	...	13	Smiths	...	5
Carpenters	...	...	2	Law Writer	...	1	Stableman	...	1
Charwomen	...	...	20	Leather Binder	...	1	Stay Maker	...	1
Clerks	...	...	3	Leather Dressers	...	8	Stokers	...	8
Clothes Dealer	...	...	1	Leather Finishers	...	2	Stone Dresser	...	1
Clicker	...	...	1	Letter Carrier	...	1	Tailor	...	1
Coffee Shop Manager	1	Lightermen	...	...	8	Tailoressess	...	3	
Coopers	...	...	4	Machinists	...	3	Tanners	...	3
Commission Agents	3	Manglewoman	...	...	1	Teacher of languages	...	1	
Compositor	...	...	1	Mat Maker	...	1	Tent Maker	...	1
Cork Cutter	...	...	1	Matron	...	1	Time Keeper	...	1
Costermonger	...	...	1	Milliner	...	1	Tin Plate Worker	...	1
Carrier	...	...	1	Music Teacher	...	1	Tobacco Pipe Maker	...	1
Cellarman	...	...	1	Needlewomen	...	22	Travellers	...	2
Dressmaker	...	...	1	PackingCaseMakers	...	2	Umbrella Cutter	...	1
Draper	...	...	1	Painters	...	3	Unhairer	...	1
Doorman	...	...	1	Paper Bag Maker	...	1	Upholsterer	...	1
Engineer	...	...	1	Plasterer	...	1	Vellum Binders	...	2
Engine Drivers	...	...	7	Plate Worker	...	1	Warehousemen	...	5
Envelope Folder	...	...	1	Plumber	...	1	Washerwomen	...	3
Feather Washer	...	...	1	Pickle Workers	...	3	Watermen	...	4
Fellmongers	...	...	2	Porters	...	5	Whip Makers	...	2
Fishmonger	...	...	1	Potmen	...	3	Zinc Plate Cutter	...	1
Furrier	...	...	1	Printer	...	1	Of no Occupation	...	8

LIST OF SUBSCRIPTIONS AND DONATIONS,

From October 1st, 1877, to September 30, 1878.

	Subscriptions.	Donations.	Special.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Allan, Rev. William ...			2 2 0
Balfour, B. R. ...	2 0 0		
Bayley, Edric ...		12 7 8	1 14 4
Beauford, W. F. ...	1 1 0		
Bevington and Sons, Messrs. ...	2 2 0		
Bluett, Rev. L. N. ...	1 0 0		
Briggs, Sir T. Graham, Bart. ...	2 0 0		1 0 0
Burnett, Sir Robert ...	1 1 0		2 3 6
Calmady, Miss ...			2 5 11
Charity Organisation Society, per Council ...			7 12 6
Ditto ditto, Glasgow Committee ...			16 0 0
Christy, J. F. ...	2 2 0		
Colley, W. Davies ...	1 1 0		
Collier, Robert ...			8 5 8
Cotter, Sir James ...		0 5 0	
Courage and Co., Messrs. ...	5 0 0		
Crichton, A. M. M. ...	1 0 0		
Dixon and Sons, Messrs. Jno. ...	1 1 0		
Fisher and Co., Messrs. ...	1 1 0		
Hamer, Miss ...		1 0 0	2 0 0
Hays Wharf, Proprietors of... ..	5 5 0		
Herron, G. A. ...	1 1 0		
Hinds, Miss ...			5 0 0
Hoare, C. R. ...	3 3 0		
Ireland, J. C. ...			15 0 0
Johnson, Rev. Joseph ...	0 10 0		
Lawrence and Co., Messrs. (2 years) ...	4 4 0		
Ledger, R. G. ...	1 1 0		
Leeson, Capt., A Lady, per ...		2 0 0	
Legg and Son, Messrs. ...	0 5 0		
Maude, Miss ...			1 0 0
McKenzie, Lady ...		0 10 0	
Miall, Arthur, Friends, per ...			8 5 0
Mocatta, F. D. ...			2 0 0
Norton, T. S. ...	0 10 6		
Oastler and Palmer, Messrs. ...	2 2 0		
Ovans, J. L. ...	2 2 0		
Packer, William ...			4 2 0
Paul, Rev. J. W. ...	1 0 0		
Peacock, J. W. ...	2 2 0		
Peek and Frean, Messrs. ...	3 3 0		2 0 0
Peek, Francis ...			0 10 0
Carried over ...	46 17 6	16 12 8	81 0 11

	Subscriptions.			Donations.			Special.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought over ...	46	17	6	16	12	8	81	0	11
Perkins, Richard ...				0	10	6			
Ramsden, Hon. Mrs. ...	1	0	0						
Relief of Distress Society, per L. T. Cave ...							11	6	0
Ditto ditto, per Almoner for St. James's, Bermondsey							29	9	6
Ditto ditto, per Almoner for St. Mary's, Bermondsey							5	8	6
Ditto ditto, per Almoner for St. Olave's, Southwark							2	12	0
Salter, Frank ...	2	2	0	0	17	9			
Shuter, Leonard ...	1	1	0						
Stanford, Richard ...							2	0	0
Swatman, Rev. Philip ...							0	13	9
Townsend, Marquis of, per H. Bradfield ...							5	11	0
Warneford, Rev. J. H. ...							38	0	0
Whitmore, M. W. ...	1	0	0						
Whittard and Crisp, Messrs....	2	2	0						
	£54	2	6	£17	10	11	£176	1	8

The Committee are indebted to Lady Frances Bridgman Simpson for parcels of clothes, also to many other supporters of the Committee for letters to Convalescent Homes, and other Institutions, which are of much value, and in future Reports will be specially acknowledged.

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BALANCE SHEET OF PERMANENT LOAN FUND, OCT. 1ST, 1877, TO SEPT. 30TH, 1878.

Dr.	RECEIVED.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Total Amount contributed to Fund							
since commencement	..	28	3	5			
„ Balance of Unpaid Loans	..	38	4	6			
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To Repayment of Loans since September							
30th, 1877	23	14	0	
To Contributions from Private Persons							
„ Ditto from General Fund	9	10	0	
				2	1	0	
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<i>Examined and found correct—</i>							
J. E. MYLNE, 1, New Square, Lincoln's Inn.							
February 20th, 1879.							
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£35 5 0							

Cr.	EXPENDED.	£	s.	d.
By Loans granted since September 30th, 1877				
	..	35	5	0
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£35 5 0				

SCHEDULE OF LOANS.

No.	Occupation.	Children depending.	£	s.	d.	Loan.
1331	Broom-handle-maker	M*	4	3	0	0 Stock
39	Labourer ...	M	2	1	0	0 Repairs to sewing
1037	Shoemaker ...	M	3	1	0	0 Tools, &c. [machine
1173	Blacksmith ...	M	2	5	0	0 Tools
1398	Brushmaker ...	M	3	1	0	0 Stock
678	Hawker ...	W	5	1	0	0 Stock
622	Charwoman ...	W	5	1	0	0 Help to purchase mangle
1421	Matron ...	M	None	1	10	0 Clothes to obtain em-
824	Old-clothes-dealer ...	W	3	2	0	0 Stock [ployment
1514	Late Letter-carrier ...	M	4	3	0	0 Purchase machine
1132	Tailoress ...	W	3	1	5	0 Redeem sewing machine
1497	Laundress ...	W	3	5	0	0 Purchase mangle
39	Labourer ...	M	2	1	0	0 Arrears of sewing
739	Labourer ...	M	2	1	0	0 Stock (machine
964	Labourer ...	M	5	7	0	0 Utensils, &c.
1474	Labourer ...	M	3	0	10	0 Redeem articles in pawn

* (M) Married. (W) Widow or Widower.

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Saint Olave's Union, Southwark, comprises the Parishes of Saint Olave, and Saint Thomas, Southwark; Saint John, Horselydown; Bermondsey; and Rotherhithe. Total Acreage:—1,503.

Population according to last census	121,038
Inhabited Houses	16,322
Gross Value	£888,033
Rateable Value	£741,166

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OBJECTS.

THE Objects of the Society for Organising Charitable Relief and Repressing Mendicity may be stated in the following terms :—

I. To bring into harmonious co-operation with each other and with the Poor Law authorities the various charitable agencies and individuals in the district, and thus effectually to check the evils of 'overlapping' relief caused by simultaneous but independent action.

II. To investigate thoroughly the cases of all applicants for charitable relief, whether they are referred to the offices for inquiry and report, or whether they apply of their own accord.

III. To place gratuitously at the disposal of all charitable agencies and private persons the investigating machinery of the Committees of the Society, and to send, to persons having a legitimate interest in cases, full reports of the results of the investigations made.

IV. To obtain from the proper charities, or from charitable individuals, suitable and adequate relief for deserving cases.

V. To assist from its own funds, and as far as possible in the form of loans, all suitable cases *for which adequate assistance cannot be obtained from other sources.*

VI. To repress mendicity by the above means, by the gratuitous distribution of investigation tickets, and by the prosecution of impostors.

VII. To afford to the public at large information regarding the objects and mode of working of existing charities.

VIII. To promote, as far as possible, the general welfare of the poor by means of social and sanitary reforms, and by the inculcation of habits of providence and self-dependence.

REPORT.

IN accordance with our usual custom, we beg leave to submit to our friends and subscribers our ninth Annual Report.

In spite of some opposition, our Society and its several branches continue to perform, to the best of their power, the task which they have undertaken; year by year they introduce improvements in their machinery and mode of working, and year by year they advance, as they have reason to believe, steadily, if slowly, in the opinion of the dispensers of charity.

We hope and believe that our own Committee is no exception to this general rule of progress, that our efforts are becoming better and more generally appreciated, and that the various changes which we have from time to time adopted in our method of working have already borne good fruit, and will continue to proceed to a more abundant harvest.

The general principles on which we work have been explained in our previous Reports, and must be sufficiently familiar to our subscribers; we propose, therefore, on the present occasion, to confine ourselves to giving particulars and explanations of the work actually done, and the changes which we have introduced during the past year, or are now introducing.

As a step towards promoting the organisation and intercommunication of the charitable institutions in our District, we last year compiled with considerable labour, and circulated at considerable expense, a fairly complete summary of the several Charities and Provident Institutions of Lambeth, endowed and unendowed, and we have to express our grateful appreciation of the readiness with which the information requested was in almost all cases supplied. We had intended to republish on the present occasion such part of this summary as relates to the unendowed, and therefore fluctuating, charities, corrected for the current year; but the corrections supplied in answer to our request have proved generally so unimportant that we have not thought it

expedient to repeat the expense of publication. Copies of the tables in our last Report may be obtained at our office; they show generally what machinery is available for the relief of distress, and as this is the information which we desire to furnish, and not to provide an inquisitorial account of the annual fluctuations of the several charities, we do not propose to republish this statement for the present.

In the matter of Investigation, we must take occasion to repeat that our inquiries and our experience are at the disposal of all who will avail themselves of them, whether subscribers to our funds or not. We should, however, be obliged if those who send us cases for investigation would intimate whether they are themselves prepared to assist the case if found deserving. We are unwilling to expose the applicants to the annoyance of the necessary investigation, unless there seems to be a fair prospect of obtaining relief, if deserved; and many a case which we should drop after a short inquiry, as clearly not falling within our own rules for relief, would be thoroughly investigated if we knew that it could be referred to the more elastic operation of private charity.

We have this year adopted the plan of sending a notice of every case brought before us to the clergy of the district where the applicant resides, with a brief outline of the case and a request that they will confirm or correct, as far as in their power, the statement of the applicant. We thus prevent, as far as our own work is concerned, the 'overlapping' of our relief with that from the parochial funds; and we should be glad if the managers of all local charities would join with us in a similar exchange of information.

We have during the past year decided on 401 formal applications, the results of which are classified in the following table:

I.—DECLINED AS—

(a) Not requiring relief	46
(b) Undeserving	28
(c) Ineligible	108
	— 182

II.—REFERRED TO OTHER SOURCES—

(a) Poor Law	5
(b) District agencies and charitable institutions	14
(c) Private persons	24
	— 43

III.—RELIEVED— BY

(a) Grants of money	128
(b) Loans	19
(c) Employment	5
(d) Letters for hospitals	24
	— 176
Total	401

To which must be added—

Reports on cases	92
Inquiries for other Committees	262
Vagrants relieved with bread	62

It seems advisable to give a short explanation of the several heads of this classification; the details of a few illustrative cases are given in an Appendix.

The first class consists of cases which we have declined to relieve as either (1) Not requiring relief; (2) Undeserving; or (3) Ineligible.

The head 'Not requiring relief' implies either that the applicants seek assistance towards doing what they may fairly be expected to do for themselves, or that they have near relations in comparatively easy circumstances, on whom the obligation of assisting them seems primarily to fall.

The term 'Undeserving' speaks for itself: it includes those whose distress is the natural result of misconduct, or vicious habits, or gross improvidence, where the natural consequences of the fault seem not too serious a penalty.

The heading 'Ineligible,' under which we record with regret 108 applications, covers a considerable variety of cases. It includes some which a sterner judgment would probably pronounce undeserving; it includes those which no temporary assistance can prevent from finally, probably in no long time, drifting into the charge of the Poor Law, and those where some specific help is sought for (for instance, admission to some special hospital, or assistance to start in some particular line of business) which we either are unable to procure, or are convinced would not prove to the ultimate benefit of the applicant. It includes also many cases, chiefly of a chronic nature, which we would gladly assist, but for which our own funds are not available, and which are

not of a sufficiently sensational character to be successfully made the subject of a special appeal. Many of these cases we reject with the utmost regret. We are obliged to restrict the application of our own small funds to cases where temporary assistance seems likely to be productive of permanent benefit; but if any of our friends, or any charitable societies, will provide pensions for deserving cases of this nature we shall have great pleasure in recommending worthy recipients of their bounty.

The second class—'Referred to other sources'—requires no explanation. The small number, 43, comprised in it is, however, very far from indicating the whole amount of relief so obtained. For in many cases grants are made from other sources to meet and supplement relief given by ourselves, and such cases, being entered in the third class, are omitted from this one to avoid the repetition of entries. The entry of cases relieved by employment requires a similar qualification.

We have directly relieved 128 cases by Grants, 19 by Loans, and 24 by Hospital Letters.

Owing to the smallness of our funds, this department of our work has always been to us, as to all the poorer branches of our Society, a matter of great anxiety. For our past success, limited as it has been, we have been indebted to certain windfalls, the recurrence of which it would be presumptuous to expect. The most important of these—the De Foe Fund—was described in our last Report; but, as will be seen from the statement on page 19, the fund is now nearly exhausted, and unless our friends will furnish us with increased means, we shall be quite unable to relieve the many deserving cases which come before us.

In this difficulty we have recently established a Special Relief Fund, for which we earnestly invite contributions. We hope by this means to meet an objection which, beyond all others, is most frequently and most plausibly urged against the system of our Society. That objection is, that too large a proportion of our funds is spent in office expenses and investigation, and too small an amount in direct relief.

To those who may hitherto have been deterred by such a consideration as this from becoming our subscribers we beg leave to commend our Special Relief Fund. Every shilling contributed to that will be devoted to the direct relief of distress in Lambeth, with no deduction whatever; while the donors will have the benefit of the investigation provided by the ordinary funds of our

Committee, and the security thus obtained that their bounty will reach some deserving person. We hope also that, on the one hand, contributors to this special fund will convince themselves of the necessity of our investigations, and devote whatever proportion they think right of their contributions to our general funds; and, on the other, that our present supporters, who enable us to keep up our official machinery, will, by subscribing also to the new fund, supply us with the power of affording relief, which seems likely during the ensuing winter to be even more than usually required.

But while thus meeting the views of those charitable persons who hold that there is no charity except what is directly spent upon the poor, we would guard ourselves against being thought to admit the justice of the charge referred to. Our primary duty in this matter is to obtain the appropriate relief from other sources, not to give it ourselves. In fact, we only relieve because we have failed to find any other society or person willing to undertake the case. But the time when we shall be able to refer every deserving case to some appropriate source of relief is yet far distant, and meanwhile we earnestly entreat increased assistance in this branch of our work.

The investigation of School Board cases has imposed upon us considerable labour. For various reasons these cases require peculiar care and vigilance. Compulsory schooling is not a popular institution, and many parents seem to hold themselves entitled to be recouped for the loss of their children's services by having them fitted out with clothes and boots at the expense of the fund which the munificence of Mr. F. Peek has placed at the disposal of our Society. We treat these cases on the same principle as other applications, with the object not merely of giving temporary relief, but of permanently improving the condition of the applicant, and we are pleased to learn that our distribution of the fund has received high commendation from those to whom the administration of Mr. Peek's bounty is entrusted.

We have relieved by employment alone 5 cases. Of all forms of relief this is perhaps the most satisfactory, and we would gladly apply it to a greater extent. With this object we have lately appointed an Employment Sub-Committee, the members of which will direct their attention specially to this end, and will be grateful for any assistance that they may receive in their work.

There are few families which do not require the occasional assistance of charwomen, needleworkers, caretakers of houses, laundresses, and such like; and such wants, either in Lambeth or the neighbourhood, it is almost always in our power to supply by recommending women for whose respectability we can give a much better guarantee than private persons are generally able to obtain by their own inquiries.

The last two items on the list—92 reports on cases sent out to inquirers and 262 inquiries for other Committees—imply a considerable amount of clerical labour thrown upon our agent, though the results thereof cannot be shown in our own Report.

In common with other branches of our Society, we have endeavoured to promote the establishment of Provident Dispensaries, and are glad to know that there is every prospect of our soon seeing one established in our District. We have cordially co-operated with its promoters by all means in our power, and regret that the state of our funds has not enabled us to render them any pecuniary assistance: but we would commend the South London Medical Aid Institute to the support of our friends.

In conclusion we must earnestly appeal to all our well-wishers for increased assistance. Pecuniary help is undoubtedly required; for, so long as we are compelled to claim an annual subsidy from the funds of the Central Council of our Society, our financial condition cannot be considered satisfactory; but a still more urgent requirement is that of additional workers. We are well aware that Lambeth is not so well provided as many other districts with persons possessed of ample leisure; but some such, ladies or gentlemen, might surely be found. Neither is our invitation by any means confined to the otherwise unemployed. No doubt our most valuable members are those who can devote a large proportion of their time to the work of our Committee; but anyone, however little time he may have to spare, can, if he will, render us useful service. For the very habits and knowledge of business, the exercise of which elsewhere forbids frequent attendance at our meetings, enhance the value of those services which are rendered. In many ways the experience of specialists, of all kinds, may be of the utmost use to us; none need be deterred from joining our body by the fact that they are unable to attend our meetings with regularity; for occasional help, if ready when required for the consideration of some appropriate case, will often prove of invaluable assistance.

The last and pleasant duty remains of tendering sincere thanks for the co-operation and assistance which we have received from many quarters—the Magistrates of the Lambeth Police Court, the Society for the Relief of Distress, the Lambeth Poor Law Guardians, the School Board Visitors, and many of the Clergy and Nonconformist Ministers of the District; and especially is our grateful acknowledgment due to several ladies, not members of our Committee, who have yet rendered us most kind and zealous help, without which our work of investigation and relief could not have been successfully accomplished.

December 1878.

APPENDIX.

I.—TABULAR STATEMENT OF CASES DEALT WITH BY THE COMMITTEE BETWEEN OCTOBER 1, 1877, AND SEPTEMBER 30, 1878.

CLASS I.—DISMISSED OR UNFAVOURABLY REPORTED ON, AS—

1. Not requiring relief	46
2. Undeserving	28
3. Cases for Poor-Law, or otherwise ineligible	108
	<hr style="width: 10%; display: inline-block; vertical-align: middle;"/> 182

CLASS II.—RECOMMENDED TO—

1. The Guardians	5
2. Institutions or Local Agencies	14
3. Private Persons	24
	<hr style="width: 10%; display: inline-block; vertical-align: middle;"/> 43

CLASS III.*—ASSISTED BY—

1. Grants	128
2. Loans	19
3. Employment	5
4. Letters for Hospitals, &c.	24
	<hr style="width: 10%; display: inline-block; vertical-align: middle;"/> 176
Total	<hr style="width: 10%; display: inline-block; vertical-align: middle;"/> 401 <hr style="width: 10%; display: inline-block; vertical-align: middle;"/>

Reports sent out	92
Inquiries for other Committees	262
Vagrants dealt with	62

* When persons have been assisted in more than one way, e.g. by a grant and a hospital letter or employment, the case appears under one head only in the classes.

II.—OCCUPATIONS OF THE APPLICANTS.

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Authors	1	—	Brought forward	189	40
Bakers	5	1	Manglers	5	1
Basket Makers	1	—	Mantle Makers	3	—
Boarding-house Keepers	2	—	Men Servants	1	—
Boatmen	1	—	Masons	1	1
Brassfinishers	5	1	Military Officers (retired)	3	—
Bricklayers	3	1	Musicians	3	—
Builders	1	—	Needlewomen	43	5
Butchers	2	—	No Occupation	48	3
Cabmen	5	1	Nurses	5	1
Carmen	9	2	Omnibus Drivers	1	—
Carpenters	6	1	Packers	2	—
Chairmakers	1	1	Painters	11	2
Charwomen	24	3	Paperhangers	2	1
Clerks	9	2	Perambulator Makers	1	—
Coal Merchants	1	1	Plasterers	2	—
Commercial Travellers	2	—	Plumbers	4	1
Commissionaires	1	—	Policemen	1	—
Compositors	4	1	Porters	5	1
Crossing Sweepers	1	—	Potmen	3	—
Dressmakers	5	—	Print Colourers	1	—
Engine Fitters	5	2	Pupil Teachers	1	—
Female Servants	3	—	Schoolmasters	2	1
French Polishers	2	—	Schoolmistresses	1	—
Gasfitters	1	—	Ship Brokers	1	—
Glassblowers	2	1	Shirt Makers	3	—
Hatters	3	—	Shoemakers	11	2
Hawkers	5	2	Shopkeepers (General)	3	—
Hosiers	1	—	Smiths	10	1
Ironers	4	1	Soldiers (discharged)	1	—
Iron Moulders	3	1	Solicitors	1	—
Labourers	53	13	Tailors	3	1
Laundresses	12	3	Tailoresses	3	—
Letter Carriers	1	—	Tobacco Pipe Makers	3	—
Lightermen	1	1	Upholsterers	6	1
Linendrapers	14	1	Waiters	4	—
Lodging-house Keepers	2	1	Wardrobe Dealers	—	—
			Watermen	—	—
Carried forward	189	40	Total	401	63

* The figures in this column denote the number who were members of a Club or Benefit Society, or had made other provision for future need at the time of application.

III.--ILLUSTRATIVE CASES.

No. 3736. An artisan, aged 38, with a wife and three young children, who through slackness of trade had been for many months out of work, was advised to emigrate to New South Wales. The Committee, finding the man willing to go, assisted him with money, and several members of the Committee helped towards outfits for the family. This year a letter has been received from him, in which he thanks the Committee for their efforts on his behalf, and states that he obtained permanent work at 8s. a day a few days after his arrival in the colony, that his wife is earning £3 a week, that they intend to buy a house, and 'never wish to see the old country again.'

No. 3918. The case of three children was referred to the Committee by the School Board for a grant of boots from Mr. Peek's Fund. On inquiry it was found that they were orphans, living with an unmarried brother and sister, neither of whom was at all a desirable person to have the charge of them; their home being also wretchedly dirty, and the children entirely neglected. The Committee felt that under these circumstances no mere temporary help would be of any use. A fund to the memory of the late Mrs. Nassau Senior, having been recently formed, the object of which is to board out orphan children with respectable women in the country, and the case seeming an eligible one, it was recommended to and accepted by the dispensers of the Fund. While a suitable home was being found, the children were placed with a respectable woman, who prepared the clothes supplied them by the Committee. The last report from the ladies who watch over the children was, that they were very fond of their foster-mother, had grown strong and healthy, attended regularly the village school, were unlearning bad habits, and were perfectly happy in their new home. A situation was found for the eldest, a girl of 13, in which she is doing well.

No. 3922. A respectably-connected young man, who had lately been released from penal servitude for stealing letters, could, after his discharge, obtain no kind of employment in England; but a relative in America having offered him a situation there, the Committee decided that to be quite away from his old associates and temptations, would afford him the best opportunity for retrieving his character, and accordingly assisted him to emigrate. The man has since written to say that he is doing well in America, and is most grateful to the Committee for their timely help.

No. 4894. A gentleman, aged 50, with a wife, but no children, who had been engaged all his life in tuition, and was in a very respectable position, was suddenly plunged into difficulties by being called upon to pay a large sum of money for which he was security. Not being able to meet the demand, his goods were seized, and his establishment was broken up. Other creditors then pressed for payment, and one of them put him in prison for fourteen days, thereby completely destroying his prospects of employment. Inquiry into the case showed that his misfortunes were solely due to want of business knowledge, and not to any fault in his character or professional ability. There being a prospect of his obtaining employment if he could recover his clothes and some scientific apparatus which had been pawned for food, &c. assistance to the extent of about £8 was given by the Committee, and increased from other sources, and he has now obtained employment, and seems in a fair way of recovering his lost position.

No. 3802. A tradesman in the neighbourhood wrote to a gentleman for some help for a young widow with three children, who had been for three months in his employ. The gentleman gave her £2 towards a sewing machine, on the strength of her employer's recommendation. Four months afterwards the woman obtained a recommendation for relief from the Poor Box of the Police Court. The magistrate of the Court having requested the Committee to make inquiry about her, it was ascertained that her husband had been sentenced to penal servitude, and that she herself had since been leading a vicious life.

Nos. 3954, 4034, 4071. Three retired military officers have applied to the Committee during the past year, and all of them proved on investigation to be more or less undeserving. There were strong points of resemblance in all three cases, inasmuch as the applicants, when they left the army, had ample means from half-pay, pension, or private income to have maintained themselves and their families in comparative affluence, but all of them, by a course of extravagance and debauchery, had squandered their incomes and brought themselves to poverty. There seemed very little hope of any help effecting any real good, but in two of the cases friends were induced by the Committee to assist to a considerable extent to give them another opportunity. The result, however, of the Committee's investigations has shown the need of great care in relieving cases of this kind.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.

Dr.

From October 1, 1877, to September 30, 1878.

Cr.

1877-8.	RECEIPTS.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	1877-8.	EXPENDITURE.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To Balance, September 30, 1877—				By Rent and Attendance	.	.	31 6 0
In Bank	.	2 15 0		" Fuel and Light	.	.	2 8 3
In hand	.	5 9 0		" Repairs and Fittings	.	.	6 12 4
Annual Subscriptions	.	.	8 4 0	" Salaries	.	.	111 10 0
" Donations for Special Cases	.	.	64 7 0	" Collector's Poundage	.	.	4 18 3
" Interest on Deposits at Bank	.	168 5 3	117 10 0	" Stationery and Office Books	.	.	7 9 7
" Donations for School Board Cases from Mr. F. Peek's Fund.	.	0 15 9	169 1 0	" Printing	.	6 16 6	
" Grant from the Central Council	.	.	32 2 4	" Annual Reports	.	26 10 0	38 6 6
				" Postage	.	9 9 4	
				" of 700 copies of Annual Report	2 18 4		12 7 8
				" Incidental Expenses	.	.	6 3 1
				" Aid by Loans (<i>see</i> Balance Sheet of Loan Fund)—			
				" Contributions to Special Cases	.	124 0 4	
				" " School Board Cases	.	23 16 8	
				" Grants	.	110 10 3	
				" Repayments of Losses on Loans.	.	1 19 6	
				" Balances on September 30, 1878 :—		376 7 5	
				In Bank, Donations for Special Cases	15 0 8		
				" on Deposit, Donations for Special Cases.	30 0 0		
				" on General Account	4 11 7		
				" Petty Cash	5 4 8		
							54 16 11
							£431 4 4

Examined and found correct,
ROBERT W. MONRO.

December 10, 1878.

Sept. 30, 1878.—Due from Mr. F. Peek's Fund, £1. 1s. 9d.
Outstanding Liabilities—None.

* Including £9. 8s. 6d. due on last account.
† In addition to £57. 17s. 3d. granted from the De Foe Fund (*see next page*).

BALANCE SHEET OF PERMANENT LOAN FUND.

Dr. *From October 1, 1877, to September 30, 1878.* Cr.

1877-8.		1878-9.	
LOANS REPAYED.		LOANS GRANTED.	
To Total Amount contributed to the Fund since its commencement	£. s. d.	By Loans granted since Sept. 30, 1877	£. s. d.
" Balances of Unpaid Loans, Sept. 30, 1877	46 0 0	" Balances at Bank and in petty cash (not including £23. 18s., amount of Loans unpaid on Sept. 30, 1878)	41 18 6
October 1, 1877.			
To Balances at Bank and in hand, Sept. 30, 1877	37 1 0		22 2 0
" Donation	0 5 0		
" Repayments of Loans since Sept. 30, 1877	24 16 0		
" " Losses (from General Fund).	1 19 6		
	£64 0 6		£64 0 6

Examined and found correct,
ROBERT W. MONRO.
December 10, 1878.

THE DE FOE FUND.

Dr. *"For the relief of deserving and necessitous cases in the Lambeth Committee's District."* Cr.

1877-8.		1878-9.	
Oct. 1, 1877.	£. s. d.	Sept. 30, 1878.	£. s. d.
To Balance at Bank, on Deposit	75 0 0	By Grants in Relief of 50 Cases	57 17 2
" " Current Account 30 15 2		" Balance at Bank, on Deposit	30 0 0
" Interest on Deposits at Bank	105 15 2	" " Current Account 18 19 2	48 19 2
	£106 16 4		£106 16 4

Examined and found correct,
ROBERT W. MONRO.
December 10, 1878.

LAMBETH WORKHOUSE.

TABULAR STATEMENT OF THE NUMBER OF PERSONS RECEIVING PARISH RELIEF AT THE END OF EACH QUARTER OF THE YEAR 1877-8, AND AT THE CORRESPONDING PERIODS OF THE PREVIOUS YEAR.

INDOOR RELIEF, 1877-8.

	Men.	Women.	Boys under 16.	Girls under 16.	Infants under 2.	Total.	Corresponding day of previous year.
Workhouse . . Dec. 29, 1877	365	426	22	21	22	856	731
„ . . Mar. 30, 1878	372	432	31	27	9	881	726
„ . . June 29, 1878	289	326	16	15	7	653	662
„ . . Oct. 5, 1878	334	335	12	14	11	706	744
„ Houseless Poor, Oct. 5, 1878	29	3	—	—	—	33	45
Infirmary . . Dec. 29, 1877	219	216	20	24	18	497	480
„ . . Mar. 30, 1878	208	203	18	26	19	474	520
„ . . June 29, 1878	217	267	22	19	23	548	484
„ . . Oct. 5, 1878	216	275	23	18	20	551	476
Schools (Norwood) . Dec. 30, 1877	—	1	254	206	—	461	374
„ „ . Mar. 30, 1878	—	1	257	202	—	460	413
„ „ . June 29, 1878	—	1	282	215	—	498	421
„ „ . Oct. 5, 1878	—	1	301	230	2	534	450
Rom. Catholic Schools . Oct. 5, 1878	—	—	19	13	—	32	39
Exmouth Training Ship Oct. 5, 1878	—	—	15	—	—	15	18
Small Pox, Fever, and other Hospitals . Oct. 5, 1878	1	1	6	4	—	12	30
Lunatics . . Oct. 5, 1878	324	408	—	23	—	755	705

OUTDOOR RELIEF, 1877-8.

	NUMBER RELIEVED.				RELIEF GIVEN.		
	Not able-bodied.	Able-bodied.	Children.	Total.	Money.	Kind given from Work-house Store.	Total.
Week ending Dec. 29, 1877 .	1321	597	1172	3090	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Corresponding week of 1876	1285	618	1146	3049	155 5 5	108 1 3	263 6 8
Week ending Mar. 30, 1878 .	1378	670	1267	3315	158 17 5	115 3 4	274 0 9
Corresponding week of 1877	1274	703	1217	3194	154 18 10	97 0 0	251 18 10
Week ending June 30, 1878 .	1362	552	1134	3048	159 13 8	96 16 9	258 10 5
Corresponding week of 1877	1286	585	1073	2944	155 8 6	84 14 1	240 2 7
Week ending Oct. 5, 1878 .	1210	684	1109	3003	160 19 1	92 14 6	253 13 7
Corresponding week of 1877	1291	555	1088	2934	155 9 3	96 4 2	251 13 5

LIST OF SUBS

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Ball, Miss, 84, Upper Tulse Hill
Ball, Misses, 84, Upper Tulse Hill
Barlow, Mrs., Brixton Rise
Bartrum, Joseph, Highfield, Leigham Court Road		
Bernays, Dr., Acre House, Brixton Rise	...	
Brooks, Mrs., 25, Trinity Square, Brixton	...	
Carslake, Mrs. B., 2, St. John's Road	...	...
Charleton, E., 47, Acre Lane	...	...
Coffee, R. W., Wilton House, Brixton Rise	...	
Collins, W. C., Upper Lawn, Tulse Hill	...	
Collis, Mrs., Gwydr Houses, Brixton Rise	...	
Corbett, T., Oak Park, Cavendish Road	...	
Cree, T., 73, Tulse Hill	...	...

Williams, Mrs. W., Vernon House, Brixton Hill	...	0 10 0
Woods, W., Mountrose House, Brixton Hill	...	0 10 0
Worthington, Rev. J., Oak Lodge, Streatham Place	...	1 1 0
Yeates, A. G., Collinson House, Effra Road	...	1 1 0
Young, J., King's Road, Clapham Park	...	1 1 0

SCRIPTIONS AND DONATIONS.

£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
...	0	5	0	Littell, Miss, 19, Dulwich Road, Herne Hill ...	...	0 5 0
...	0	10	0	Low, W., 56, Tulse Hill ... ..	...	0 10 0
...	1	1	0	McArthur, A., M.P., Raleigh Hall, Brixton Rise	...	10 10 0
...	2	2	0	Martineau, Mrs., 4, South Road, Clapham Park	...	1 1 0
...	1	1	0	Marshall, Rev., T. L., 6, Church Road, Brixton	...	0 10 0
...	0	5	0	Moore, Mrs. R. W., Brixton Rise ... ..	...	1 1 0
...	1	1	0	Nicholson, P. E., 1, Brixton Hill Terrace	...	1 1 0
...	1	1	0	Oakey, J., Jun., Brixton Rise ... ..	...	1 1 0
...	0	10	6	Pearce, Dr. Chaning, Brixton Rise ... ..	...	1 1 0
...	3	3	0	Ponder, W., Hayes Cottage, Dulwich Road	...	1 1 0
...	1	0	0	Ring, Mrs., Holmsdale, New Park Road	...	0 10 6
...	2	0	0	Robertson, Rev. A., 2, Lambert Road, Brixton Rise...	1 1 0	
...	0	10	0	Rogers, Mrs., 55, Acre Lane ... ..	...	0 5 0
...	0	10	0	Sangster, W., 7, Burlington Villas, Streatham Paragon	1 1 0	
Don.)	3	0	0	Shaen, Mrs. ... ..	...	1 1 0
...	1	0	0	Simpson, T. B., Rutland Lodge, Effra Road	...	1 1 0
...	0	5	0	Singer, A., 35, Acre Lane .. ..	...	1 1 0
...	0	5	0	Soldi, J. B., Fernlea, New Park Road ... ..	...	1 1 0
...	0	5	0	Stapler, Miss, 15, Kellett Road, Brixton	...	0 10 0
Don.)	0	5	0	Stroud, M., Suffolk House, Brixton Hill	...	1 11 6
New				Thomas, Mrs., Thanet Lodge, 21, Tulse Hill	...	1 1 0
...	0	10	6	Thorowgood, Miss, 5, Acre Lane ... ..	...	1 1 0
...	1	1	0	Titterton, Miss, 3, Effra Road ... ..	...	0 5 0
...	0	10	6	Tracey, Mrs. L., 4, Sydney Place, Brixton Hill	...	0 10 0
-	1	0		Walmsley, Mrs., Atherton House, Atkin's Road,		
	1	0		Clapham Park...	0 5 0
	0	6		Weston, H., 15, Brixton Rise	1 1 0

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December 1878.

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OBJECTS.

THE Objects of the Society for Organising Charitable Relief and Repressing Mendicity may be stated in the following terms :—

I. To bring into harmonious co-operation with each other and with the Poor Law authorities the various charitable agencies and individuals in the district, and thus effectually to check the evils of 'overlapping' relief caused by simultaneous but independent action.

II. To investigate thoroughly the cases of all applicants for charitable relief, whether they are referred to the offices for inquiry and report, or whether they apply of their own accord.

III. To place gratuitously at the disposal of all charitable agencies and private persons the investigating machinery of the Committees of the Society, and to send, to persons having a legitimate interest in cases, full reports of the results of the investigations made.

IV. To obtain from the proper charities, or from charitable individuals, suitable and adequate relief for deserving cases.

V. To assist from its own funds, and as far as possible in the form of loans, all suitable cases *for which adequate assistance cannot be obtained from other sources.*

VI. To repress mendicity by the above means, by the gratuitous distribution of investigation tickets, and by the prosecution of impostors.

VII. To afford to the public at large information regarding the objects and mode of working of existing charities.

VIII. To promote, as far as possible, the general welfare of the poor by means of social and sanitary reforms, and by the inculcation of habits of providence and self-dependence.

REPORT.

IN submitting their Seventh Annual Report, and in reviewing the work done during the past twelve months, the Committee have the pleasure of reporting that the Wandsworth and Putney Branch of the Charity Organisation Society is year by year increasing in its usefulness, and this probably because, while on the one hand the Committee have learnt by experience how best to carry out the principles of the Society, on the other its real purport and objects are becoming by degrees better understood in the neighbourhood both by rich and poor. Thus the wealthy are realising to some extent the serious evil that is done by indiscriminate almsgiving, too often misdirected because unorganised, while the really deserving poor begin to understand that in this Society they will find a true friend to sympathise with their misfortunes, and one who will help them to help themselves, so that they may be rescued from their difficulties without loss of self-respect.

Unfortunately, however, there still exists in the minds of many considerable misapprehension as to the real working of this Society, and therefore, before referring in detail to what has been done during the past year, the Committee propose to give a brief sketch of their method of proceeding for the information of those who may be imperfectly acquainted with the system. Perhaps this will be best done by examples.

Let the reader of this report, then, suppose that a case of (to all appearance) great distress is brought under his notice. He has perhaps occasion to visit a home which he finds a very picture of destitution and misery; or he meets in the street a passing beggar, and has to listen to a piteous story of want; or perchance an apparently deserving object calls at his door with

a petition for immediate relief, and the case seems urgent. He is puzzled what to do: he does not wish to be unkind, yet how is he to be sure that by listening to the applicant's prayer he is doing a *real* kindness? He may be only prolonging the misery by granting temporary aid, or he may be assisting vice or crime. Again, the whole story may be a gross and impudent fabrication. It is impossible individually to investigate each case. What then is our reader to do under such circumstances? The answer is simple; let him or her, whether a subscriber to our funds or not, refer the applicant to this office, or, what is a far preferable course where possible, obtain *accurately* the address of the applicant, and as many particulars as can be got, and call personally at, or write to, the office, The Plain, Wandsworth, when the case will be at once inquired into by the agent and reported to the Committee, which meets every Wednesday. An attempt to adopt this course will without doubt often be met by the plea of urgency, and perhaps of actual starvation; but to yield to this may be, and often is, to encourage fraud, and in any genuine case of urgent need the agent of the Society will almost certainly be able to give or obtain assistance. In most cases the objection to being referred to this Society arises from a knowledge that the case will not bear investigation, and no honest applicant for relief can truly say that he is not met at least half way.

When a case is brought before the Society's officer it is his duty to obtain without delay such particulars as the following: occupation, age, number of children, wages when in full work, total sources of income at present, history during past year, previous employers, other assistance given (if any), whether children are at school, prospects, debts and pawn tickets, &c.; in fact to ascertain minutely the circumstances of the family. It may be objected that this is too inquisitorial, but the Committee feels that, like a doctor, it must know the whole case before it can give relief, and it should be remembered that this thorough investigation, while a terrible stumbling block to the unworthy, affords a more or less direct certificate of merit to those who are passed through the examination as deserving. The officer then, having obtained a full knowledge, reports to the Committee, which decides upon the action to be taken. In some cases a loan of money is granted on such security as can be obtained, and it is worthy of remark that these loans are as a

rule repaid with great punctuality when possible, and that in this way the Society has rescued many from poverty ; or temporary assistance is given ; letters obtained for hospitals or convalescent homes ; work obtained for the applicant through members of the Committee ; or it may be—as, for example, in the case of a respectable woman with a drunken good-for-nothing husband—the case is referred to the Poor Law authorities, who can compel those responsible to contribute.

Another portion of the work of the Society—that, namely, of weeding out from among the deserving the cases of imposture—is referred to in another part of this Report (p. 12), where will also be found a series of typical cases respectively relieved and dismissed ; while a very bad case, which will probably result in a criminal prosecution, is now under investigation. It may be mentioned here that arrangements are in progress between the Central Committee of the Charity Organisation Society and the Criminal Investigation Department, which it is hoped will much facilitate the detection and punishment of these impostors.

Such are the principal workings of the Society ; but, in view of the requirements of a suburban neighbourhood, charge is taken of contributions for Special Cases, which are inquired into and reported upon, and any person willing to assist an applicant, if worthy, cannot do better than refer the case to the Society for inquiry.

In many cases individual members of the Committee take charge of particular cases, and, under the circumstances of this District, such work has mostly to be looked for from ladies, whose presence on the Committee is heartily welcomed and much desired.

Detailed reports are given elsewhere, showing the work done by this branch, and by the Charity Organisation Society generally, during the past year. The Society is doing a good work in the metropolitan district ; still we want more funds and more workers, above all ladies who would take, under direction of the Committee, individual charge of special cases.

The Committee would be much assisted in their work if subscribers to Hospitals, Convalescent Homes, the Surgical Aid Society, and similar charities would send to the offices, signed in blank, any letters of recommendation they have, as considerable difficulty often occurs in obtaining these for cases investigated and found deserving.

There has been a falling off in the subscriptions and donations this year to the amount of £28; but there have been some large contributions to special cases, which have raised the total from £111. 8s. to £130. The only other item in the accounts which seems to call for notice is the expenditure for stationery, which appears large owing to the printing bills for two years having been paid this year.

TYPICAL CASES ASSISTED.

No. 823. Blind woman. In this case assistance had been previously given by the Committee from time to time for some months. Sent to the Bristol Institution and an advance of £3 granted, as it appeared that the Guardians would only pay at the end of the quarter, while the Institution required a payment in advance. The woman is doing well.

No. 824. Plumber; out of work for six months through illness. Temporary relief granted, and renewed from time to time, after reconsideration of the case, for six months, until the man died. Widow now doing well.

No. 829. Shoemaker; ill in St. Thomas's Hospital; operation recently performed, and man likely to come out soon. Man formerly a drunkard, but shown real reform for past year. Assistance granted for a few weeks in augmentation of parish relief in order to keep home together. The man has now recovered and is doing well.

No. 847. Hairdresser. This is a specially sad and difficult case, and one which has been largely aided by the Committee. The man was enabled, partly by a loan from the Society and partly through money raised by individual members, to start in a shop. For some months he steadily paid off instalments of the loan and a deposit against rates and taxes. In October, however, his wife died, when he gave way to drink, and was at last removed to the County Lunatic Asylum by order of the parish doctor. This case, in all its bearings, is still under the consideration of the Committee.

No. 855. Girl, aged 17; family highly recommended. Situation had been obtained for the girl as domestic servant, but clothes were wanted. Money granted to procure them. Mother most grateful.

No. 856. Fish-hawker. Loan granted of £5 to buy a pony for use in his trade, the man being very highly spoken of by his neighbours and others. Loan to be repaid by weekly sums of 18s., security being given. Loan repaid and man now doing well.

No. 865. Tailor. Loan wanted for purchase of materials. Strongly recommended and security given. Loan of £5 granted, which is in course of repayment.

No. 867. Washerwoman. Special grant of pair of strong

lace-up boots for daughter on recommendation of the doctor, supported by exemplary reports as to character.

No. 871. Widow; keeps small general shop; could do better with ready money to purchase goods. Very good character. Assistance obtained from Freemason's Lodge.

No. 876. Man employed at an ironfoundry; out of work for 15 weeks. Assistance asked for to purchase a mangle for wife. Most strongly supported as a deserving case. £4 raised by private subscription, on receipt of which the Committee agreed to purchase the mangle; the additional cost to be repaid by instalments. Ladies on the Committee promised to assist in getting the woman work. Money partly repaid.

No. 891. Widow; lady housekeeper. Anxious to obtain employment. Assistance obtained from Ladies' Guild, and temporary help given. A situation obtained for her in Sweden.

No. 893. Artist. Loan made on deposit of pictures, and employment obtained.

TYPICAL 'SPECIAL CASE' ASSISTED.

No. 859. This case was brought forward by a member of the Committee thoroughly conversant with all its details. K., a working potter, who showed considerable artistic taste in his business, had built a kiln in his back garden, and turned out some very creditable work. For want, probably, of technical knowledge in kiln building, a crack appeared, and he was forced to build another, with the same result. A third effort proved successful, and he had every hope of a good livelihood, when the authorities stepped in and ordered him to surround his kiln with a high brick wall. This he had no money left to do, and his consequent ruin finally broke down a not too strong constitution. After his death a special appeal was made by this Society on behalf of his young widow, about £17 being raised by cash contributions, besides a sum realised by the sale of his pottery under our auspices. She was supported during her confinement, and help was obtained for her from her family. She has been placed in a country village, with her rent guaranteed for two years, when her children will be old enough to leave her free to earn her own livelihood by plain needlework. Meanwhile she is doing well.

TYPICAL CASES DISMISSED.

No. 831. Man out of work; out patient Brompton Hospital; in receipt of 7s. a week from the parish. Character very unsatisfactory. Seven persons living and sleeping in one room. Sanitary Inspector's attention called to case, and finally referred to Poor Law.

No. 842. Man, potman at public-house; wife, laundress. Want money to pay rent and to *send present to son* at an industrial school. Report made:—‘I have seen this woman out of doors, fighting with another woman, at half-past nine in the morning, with only one article of under-clothing on. This was three years ago. She used to have black eyes oftener than not. Has been charged with attempting suicide, and it is very doubtful whether they are married. In fact, her character was as bad as a woman's could be, and I have no reason to think she has reformed recently. This, together with the nature of her application, has caused me not to request her attendance.’ Case dismissed as undeserving.

No. 844. Waterman. Worse for drink when made application. Man and wife reported by neighbours as a drunken, quarrelsome couple, spending every penny they can get in drink. Referred to Poor Law authorities.

No. 846. Labourer. Gave as his reference the fact that he was well known in the High Street. On inquiry this proved perfectly correct; he was well known as a loafer about public-house doors, looking out for odd jobs. Character otherwise ‘questionable.’ Considered undeserving.

No. 852. Dressmaker. Wanted assistance to go to her father's funeral. On inquiry, character found to be bad and many of her statements false.

No. 857. Carman. Not married to woman he lives with. Parentage of children doubtful; eldest girl's character bad. Man and woman are described as ‘drunken and violent.’

No. 904. Labourer. Report:—‘Neighbours give them a very bad character. They are mixed up with the worst people in Wandsworth. It is questionable which of the two is the worst drunkard. The man will not work as long as he can get a penny for drink, and the woman spends a great part of her time in public-houses.’

TYPICAL CASES OF IMPOSTORS DETECTED.

An important part of the Society's duty is the repression of mendicity and the exposure of fraudulent attempts upon charitably disposed persons. The following are sketches of two cases brought to light by the action of the Society.

I. Two women respectably dressed, canvassing for the sale of tickets for an entertainment for a charitable purpose, were stopped by the agent. It was found that at private residences the object for assistance was stated to be an aged governess, while at public-houses she was transformed into a brewer's widow. Their answers being unsatisfactory, they were charged and sentenced to three months' imprisonment, it being found that they had been carrying on a system of fraud for at least four years at Brighton, Greenwich, and elsewhere.

II. A lady at Putney having been interested in the case of a young woman, obtained a room for her, paying the rent and giving other assistance. She very wisely requested the agent of the Society to keep a watch upon the case, and he soon found it utterly undeserving. The girl was of immoral character, and had victimised ladies of one religious denomination after another, attending Sunday schools, and thus bringing herself into favourable notice. She in this manner obtained large sums of money, besides well paid work as an upholsteress. From the room in which the lady had placed her she stole a blanket, and the agent of this Society inducing the owner to prosecute, a long career of imposture and crime was revealed, which received at least a temporary check in the shape of a year's hard labour.

**TABULAR STATEMENT OF CASES DEALT WITH BY THE COMMITTEE
BETWEEN OCTOBER 1, 1877, AND SEPTEMBER 30, 1878.**

DISMISSED :—

Undeserving	21	
Cases for Poor Law, or otherwise ineligible	17	
		<hr/> 38

ASSISTED BY :—

Grants	24	
Loans	17	
Letters to hospitals or convalescent homes, &c.	10	
Employment obtained	2	
Weekly pensions	6	
		<hr/> 59

INQUIRIES MADE FOR :—

Other Committees	84	
Hospitals	11	
Private persons	19	
		<hr/> 114

PROSECUTIONS 7

VAGRANTS :—

Relieved with bread	137	
Referred to Poor Law Authorities	288	
		<hr/> 425

Total Number of Cases dealt with 643

OCCUPATIONS OF APPLICANTS (EXCLUDING VAGRANTS).

Artist	1	Pensioners	2
Butlers	3	Plumber	1
Carpenters	4	Seamstresses	6
Captain	1	Servants	7
Charwomen	3	Shoemakers	3
Hairdresser	1	Shopkeepers	2
Hatters	3	Smith	1
Harness Maker	1	Tailor	1
Hawkers	7	Teachers	3
Housekeeper	1	Watermen	4
Labourers	23	No occupation	3
Laundresses	7		
Painters	3		
		Total	<hr/> 94

Twenty of the above had subscribed to some Club or Benefit Society.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE,

Dr.

From October 1, 1877, to September 30, 1878.

Cr.

RECEIPTS.		£	s.	d.	EXPENDITURE.		£	s.	d.
To Balance October 1, 1877—					By Rent 52 weeks, Rates, and Taxes		...	...	26 0 0
At Bank	...	84	18	3	" Fuel and Light	...	...	...	5 2 2
In hand	...	12	7	7	" Salaries	...	...	...	81 0 0
" Annual Subscriptions	...			97 5 10	" Collector's Poundage	...	...	...	6 10 0
" Donations	...			*140 16 6	" Stationery, Office Books, and Printing	...	...	...	31 5 2
" Contributions for Special Cases	...			33 3 0	" Postage	...	...	...	4 6 1
" Repayment of Loans	...			130 0 6	" Incidental Expenses	...	...	...	12 2 11
" Special Advance	...			62 14 0	" Special Advance repaid	...	...	...	3 5 0
				3 5 0	" Aid by Loans	...	...	...	94 14 5
					" Contributions to Special Cases	...	...	...	124 16 6
					" Grants	...	...	...	51 5 6
					" Bread for Tramps	...	...	...	1 2 10
					" Balance, September 30, 1878—				
					At Bank	...	27	16	3
					Less due Treasurer	...	2	2	0
									25 14 3
									<u>£467 4 10</u>

* Of this sum £7. 7s. 6d. was received for arrears.

AND. L. BUSK, Hon. Treasurer.

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LIST OF CHARITABLE AND PROVIDENT AGENCIES EXISTING IN THE WANDSWORTH AND PUTNEY DISTRICT.

Name of Charity or Institution	Where situated	Objects	Receipts and Expenditure for the last year for which Accounts have been obtained		Officers
WANDSWORTH.					
<i>Association for Nursing the Sick</i>	.	To provide stores and trained nurses for urgent cases of sickness amongst the poor	£ 107 11	£ s. d. 6 9	Mrs. Bell, Treasurer.
<i>Benevolent Institution</i>	' Rose and Crown ' Inn	The relief of the distressed and aged poor by gifts of money	60 12 0	36 8 5	Mr. G. Howick, Treasurer.
<i>Benevolent Society</i>	.	The relief of the poor in sickness	86 14 2	77 11 8	Miss M. Coleman, Treasurer.
Conducted by ladies	.				
<i>Clothing Charity</i>	.	To receive deposits, which, with premiums added, are taken out in clothing twice a year	283 0 9	280 18 11	Miss H. Bucker, Secretary.
<i>Dorcas Society</i>	.	To supply garments to the deserving poor at half the cost of the materials	51 2 0	47 0 3	Mrs. Hennell, Secretary.
<i>Endowed Charities</i>	.	Relief of the poor by gifts of money, clothing, coals, provisions, &c.	825 6 0	*738 8 2	Messrs. Brown and Langton, Churchwardens of All Saints'.
<i>Home for Ladies</i>	No. 7 Halbrake Terrace, &c.	To provide homes for ladies with limited incomes	751 13 10	618 18 7	Miss J. Lee, Secretary.

* Includes £70 donations to other Societies in this list. † Not exclusively a Wandsworth Charity.

Name of Charity or Institution	Where situated	Objects	Receipts and Expenditure for the last year for which Accounts have been obtained		Officers
WANDSWORTH—cont.					
<i>Lying-in Charity</i> . . .	. . .	To provide poor women in their own homes with attendance and stores.	£ 91 10 7	£ s. d. 55 0 5	Miss Du Buisson, Treasurer.
<i>Mothers' Meetings</i> . . .	High Street	Religious instruction and working. Members depositing small savings take out the amount in clothing at wholesale prices	22 8 0	20 9 0	Mrs. Rawlings, Treasurer.
<i>Provident Dispensary</i> . . .	23 North Street	To provide medical attendance and medicine during sickness to members paying a small weekly sum	712 15 8	672 15 11	Mr. G. Moody, Secretary.
<i>Working Society</i> . . .	Congregational School, High Street	To supply poor women of good character with needlework at their own homes	122 14 11	100 9 8	Mrs. Coventry, Treasurer.
ALL SAINTS'.					
<i>District Visiting Society</i> . . .	. . .	The relief of the deserving poor . . .	104 16 3	76 14 6	Rev. J. Buckmaster, Treasurer.
<i>Provident Society</i> . . .	British Schools	To receive deposits, which, with premium added, are repaid in clothing, provisions, or cash at the end of the year.	412 3 2	414 3 3	Mr. F. Thompson, Treasurer.

<i>Soup Kitchen</i> . . .	High Street	To sell soup to the poor during the winter at one penny per quart	70	0	7	61	3	4	Rev. J. Buckmaster, Treasurer.
ST. ANNE'S.									
<i>Children's Clothing Club</i> .	National Schools	To receive deposits from school children. A premium is added, and the total amount is taken out in clothing once a year	128	14	5	121	2	7	Mr. J. Brebner Treasurer.
<i>Children's Shoe Club</i> .	National Schools	To defray half the cost of boots for school children recommended by subscribers	17	12	9	13	0	7	Miss E. Watson, Treasurer.
<i>Mothers' Meetings</i> . . .	Wardley Mission Room	For reading, working, and prayer. Articles made are sold at a reduced price	.	.	.	.	.	.	Miss Onslow, Treasurer.
<i>Offertories at St. Anne's Church</i> . . .	.	For the sick and needy . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	The Vicar and Churchwardens.
<i>Provident Bank</i> . . .	National Schools	To receive deposits	*271	19	0	†265	3	1	Mr. Du Buisson, Treasurer.
<i>Provident Society</i> . . . (The district of St. Mary, Summers Town, also participates in the benefits of this society.)	National Schools	To receive weekly deposits, which, with premiums added, are repaid in clothing, coals, or provisions at the end of the year	538	3	2	562	9	1	Mr. Du Buisson, Treasurer.
<i>Parochial Sick and Visiting Society</i> . . .	.	The relief of the deserving poor during illness or temporary distress	57	2	7	55	2	6	Mrs. Le Neve Foster, Treasurer.

Expenses, £2. 15s.

* Amount deposited. † Amount withdrawn.

Name of Charity or Institution	Where situated	Objects	Receipts and Expenditure for the last year for which Accounts have been obtained	Officers
ST. ANNE'S—<i>cont.</i>				
<i>Soup Kitchen</i> . . .	North Street, Iron Mill, and Wardley	To sell soup to the poor during the winter at one penny per quart	. . .	Mrs. Goddard and Miss Du Buisson, Treasurers.
ST. MARY'S	Summers Town			
<i>Children's Shoe Club</i> . . .	. . .	Deposits received, and a bonus added; the total amount taken out in boots and shoes	About £30	Rev. L. Morgan.
<i>Church Offertories</i> . . .	. . .	For the sick and poor . . .	About £20	"
<i>Clothing Club</i> . . .	. . .	Deposits received from school children, and bonus added; the total amount taken out in clothes	About £30	"
<i>Coal Fund</i> . . .	. . .	For the deserving poor . . .	About £25	"
<i>Lying-in Charity</i> . . .	. . .	The loan of linen to poor women during confinement	. . .	"
<i>Mothers' Meetings</i> . . .	. . .	For prayer, working, and reading. Articles made sold at a cheap rate to members	. . .	"
ST. MARY MAGDALENE	Wandsworth Common			Rev. J. G. Holmes.
<i>Loan Blanket Society</i> . . .	. . .	To lend blankets to the deserving poor . . .	. . .	"
<i>Maternity Society</i> . . .	. . .	To provide linen, meat, grocery, &c. for poor women during confinement	. . .	"

<i>Provident Society</i>	.	.	Deposits received, and a bonus added; the total amount returned in clothing or coals	.	.	.	.	.	"	"
BAPTIST CHURCH	.	East Hill		.	.	.	.	.
<i>Benevolent Society</i>	.	.	To aid lying-in women and other cases of sickness	.	.	.	.	.	Mrs. Marchant.	
<i>Poor Fund</i>	.	.	For the relief of needy members	.	.	.	.	.	Rev. F. G. Marchant.	
BAPTIST CHURCH	.	Waterside		.	.	.	.	.
<i>Poor Fund</i>	.	.	For the sick and needy	.	.	.	.	.	The Minister and Church Officers.	
CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH	.	East Hill		.	.	.	.	.
<i>Mothers' Meetings</i>	.	.	For instruction and working. Deposits are received, upon which interest is allowed	.	.	.	.	.	Mrs. Derry.	
<i>Poor Fund</i>	.	.	The relief of aged and infirm members by monthly pensions	.	.	.	.	.	Rev. D. B. James.	
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	.	Merton Road		.	.	.	.	.
<i>Dorcas Society</i>	.	.	To supply clothing to the poor	.	.	.	.	.	Mrs. Russell, Treasurer.	
WESLEYAN CHURCH	.	St. John's Hill		.	.	.	.	.
<i>Dorcas Society</i>	.	.	To supply clothing free of charge to the deserving poor	20	7	10	20	7	10	Mrs. Pocock, Treasurer.
<i>Poor Fund</i>	.	.	Relief of such members as are known to be needy	.	.	.	.	.	The Ministers and Church Officers.	

Name of Charity or Institution	Where situated	Objects	Receipts and Expenditure for the last year for which Accounts have been obtained		Officers
PUTNEY.					
<i>Alms-houses</i> . . .	Wandsworth Lane	Home and allowances to poor aged women	£ s. d. 165 4 2	£ s. d. 170 18 0	Vicar, Churchwardens and Overseers.
<i>Biggs' Trust</i> . . .	.	Small money grants	12 4 8	12 8 0	Vicar, Churchwardens and Overseers.
<i>Church of England District Visiting Society</i>	.	Relief of the sick poor	96 18 9	95 11 8	Hon. Mrs. Henley, Treasurer.
<i>Church Offertories :—*</i>					
<i>St. Mary's</i> . . .	.	Relief of the poor	149 16 11	.	Vicar and Church- wardens.
<i>St. John the Evangelist.</i>	.	Ditto ditto . . . . .	.	.	Vicar and Church- wardens.
<i>All Saints'</i> . . .	.	Ditto ditto . . . . .	.	.	Vicar and Church- wardens.
<i>Clothing Club</i> . . .	Infant School	Deposits received and bonuses added; the total amount being taken in clothing	.	.	Miss Robinson, Treasurer.
<i>Martyn's Watermen's School</i>	Wandsworth Lane	Clothing, educating, and apprenticing the sons of watermen	408 14 8,	461 4 1.	The Trustees.
<i>Dr. Bridgemen</i> . . .	.	. . . . .	31 0 0	31 0 0	

* Includes £56. 12s. donations to other Societies in this list.

<i>Maternal Charity</i>	.	.	To supply linen, groceries, &c. to poor women of good character	21	7	3	20	13	6	Miss Robinson, Treasurer.
<i>Oxford Road Chapel</i>	.	.	Poor relief (including Dorcas Society)	.	.	.	.	.	.	The Minister.
<i>Provident Institution</i>	.	National Schools	Self help in various forms	679	15	9	694	10	0	Mr. R. M. Hensley, Treasurer.
<i>Shoe Club</i>	.	.	To assist parents of children attending parochial schools. Weekly payments received, which, with premium added, are taken out in boots three times a year	150	10	5	186	2	4	Mrs. Nelson, Treasurer.
<i>Smith's Trust</i>	.	.	Coats to poor men	27	0	0	27	13	0	Vicar Churchwardens, and Overseers.
<i>Union Church</i>	.	Upper Richmond Road	Dorcas meeting	.	.	.	.	.	.	Mr. W. King, Secretary.
<i>Work Society for Women</i>	.	.	To provide poor women with work and cheap clothing during the winter	93	10	9	81	17	6	Hon. Mrs. Henley, Treasurer.
<i>Wyndesole Trust</i>	.	.	Gowns to poor women	12	10	0	12	12	0	Vicar, Churchwardens, and Overseers.
ROEHAMPTON.										
<i>Church Offertory, Holy Trinity</i>	.	.	Relief of the poor	45	9	7	.	.	.	Rev. R. Carrington, Vicar.
<i>Clothing and Coal Club</i>	.	.	.	35	2	7	.	.	.	"
<i>Langham Trust Fund</i>	.	.	To provide clothes for the poor	9	0	0	.	.	.	"

WORK OF THE COUNCIL, 1877-8.

DURING the Session of the year 1877-8, 38 meetings of Council were held, with an average attendance of 49 members.

This is a considerably larger average than in former years; and when it is remembered that the Council is composed mainly of representatives from every part of London, and is a meeting place at which those who are familiar with the wants of the poor and are practically engaged in endeavouring to meet those wants can interchange opinions and experience, the utility of these meetings will be obvious. Questions of an immediate or permanent interest, the difficulties of which are well known, are frequently discussed: how to aid the poor to obtain employment; how to deal satisfactorily with cases of chronic infirmity; loans; the Army Reserves, and so forth. And the Council, in which there is a frequent change of representatives and a consequent introduction of new members, affords a means for the continuous consideration and discussion of subjects which cannot be settled offhand by any approved method or theory of organisation, but which require the knowledge, co-operation, and energy of each successive generation of workers.

During the earlier part of the session two subjects, which are rather private to the Society than of general interest, were discussed at considerable length. The Administrative Committee of the Council was placed on an entirely new footing. New arrangements were also made for the conduct of business in the office of the Council.

VAGRANCY.

During the winter of 1877-8 there was throughout the country a great increase in vagrancy. It appeared that in London the information that bread was given at the offices of the Committees had spread, and some of the offices were in consequence beset, generally towards midday, by large numbers of vagrants and wayfarers. The responsibility of dealing with cases of sudden and urgent necessity rested mainly upon the local Poor Law authorities; but by the rules of the Society their agents had been authorised, in cases of absolute hunger, to give bread to be eaten upon the spot. It was evident, however, that in the application of this rule great discretion was necessary on the part of the agents. A circular accordingly was issued, pointing out that the rule applied to cases of extreme urgency only; but that in all exceptional homeless cases, which did not appear suitable for reference to a Relieving Officer, the agents were to use their discretion in giving whatever immediate assistance might be required, with a view to the more complete treatment of the case afterwards. By the liberality of a member of the Society, special arrangements have been made at the Newport Market Refuge for the reception of these cases.

ASSISTANCE BY WAY OF LOANS.

A Sub-Committee, which reported on the subject of loans made by District Committees, made the following returns:—

	£	s.	d.
Total amount lent during two years ending			
September 30, 1877.	3,604	3	11
Of this there had been repaid	2,936	12	5
Loans outstanding and deemed recoverable,			
though including doubtful debts	613	0	7
Written off as bad debts	144	10	11

CHRONIC AND PENSION CASES.

The Society by its present rules does not undertake chronic cases. Hitherto indeed it has been considered that they should be dealt with by private persons or by the existing pension societies. The change, however, of public opinion on the subject of the administration of outdoor relief, the endeavour to mark more clearly the division between cases suitable for the Poor Law and those suitable for charity, the apparent inability of the existing institutions to deal effectively with pension cases, the necessity of some provision for cases which fitted into none of the categories framed by the institutions or could not wait for admission, led to suggestions being made to alter the rule now in force and to undertake to assist suitable chronic cases, under certain conditions, either by the co-operation of individuals whose contributions would be organised for one or more special cases, or by the establishment of pension funds, or eventually by the application of charitable endowments. On the other hand, it was thought that such proposals would largely increase the responsibilities of the Society, while the District Committees, by the many methods to which they resorted or dealing effectively with these cases, were learning what the solution of the difficulty might be. No change therefore was made.

ADEQUATE RELIEF.

Cognate to this question is that of adequate temporary relief. The difficulty of obtaining such relief was, it was urged, very great. There were, from time to time, cases of an exceptional nature in which a sum of money was required quite out of proportion to the relief obtainable, under ordinary circumstances, by the means and influence of a local Committee or by reference to any of the Metropolitan Relief Societies. To meet this want, it was arranged that a book containing the names of those willing to give liberal charitable assistance should be kept at the offices of the Council; and several persons, on seeing a notice on the subject in the *Charity Organisation Reporter* and in the Annual Report of the Council, have consented to relieve these cases on reference. This, together with the insertion of appeals in the *Reporter*, has enabled the Council to obtain sufficient aid for all exceptional cases considered suitable by the Administrative Committee.

THE ARMY RESERVES.

When the Reserves were called out, it became a question whether any special efforts should be made to meet the distress which, it was stated, existed among their wives and families. No conclusive evidence as to the inadequacy of the remuneration received by the Reserve men was forthcoming, and it was felt that, if cases of distress arose, they could be thoroughly dealt with by the means already afforded to the public by the Society. It was considered also that, if the remuneration were in fact inadequate, it was better that the Government should increase it than that inducements should be created for making independent persons applicants for charity.

PROVIDENT DISPENSARIES ETC.

Other subjects, such as the relation of organisation to relief in the Society, the better treatment of School Board cases, co-operation with the Guardians, the Education of the Blind, have been carefully considered by the Council or its standing Committees. More especially on the development of the Provident Dispensary system has much labour been expended; and it is believed, that steps have been taken which will eventually lead to the substitution of some form of assurance against ordinary sickness for the present indiscriminate out-patient medical relief.

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THE Objects of the Society for Organising Charitable Relief and Repressing Mendicity may be stated in the following terms:—

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II.—To investigate thoroughly the cases of all applicants for charitable relief, whether they are referred to the offices for inquiry and report, or whether they apply of their own accord.

III.—To place gratuitously at the disposal of all charitable agencies and private persons the investigating machinery of the Committees of the Society, and to send, to persons having a legitimate interest in cases, full reports of the results of the investigations made.

IV.—To obtain from the proper charities, or from charitable individuals, suitable and adequate relief for deserving cases.

V.—To assist from its own funds, and as far as possible in the form of loans, all suitable cases *for which adequate assistance cannot be obtained from other sources.*

VI.—To repress mendicity by the above means, by the gratuitous distribution of Investigation Tickets, and by the prosecution of impostors.

VII.—To afford to the public at large information regarding the objects and mode of working of existing charities.

VIII.—To promote, as far as possible, the general welfare of the poor by means of social and sanitary reforms, and by the inculcation of habits of providence and self-dependence.

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Contributions to the funds of the Council can be paid at the Central Office, 15 Buckingham Street, Adelphi; or at Messrs. COUTTS & Co.'s, 59 Strand, W.C.

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December 1878.

REPORT.

THE Committee of the Battersea Branch of the Charity Organisation Society has great pleasure in laying before its friends and subscribers its Sixth Annual Report, embracing the period from October 1, 1877 to September 30, 1878.

It has now become a matter of usage for the District Committees to bring into prominent notice in their Reports those subjects discussed in the General Council of the Society, which are of importance to all interested in its welfare.

The General Council of the Society is composed mainly of representatives from the several districts of London, and furnishes a meeting place at which those who are familiar with the wants of the poor, and are practically engaged in endeavouring to meet their wants, can interchange opinions and experiences. The subjects which come under discussion are questions of immediate or permanent interest, and the frequent change of representatives, and consequent introduction of new members, affords a means for the continuous consideration of matters, which cannot be settled off-hand by any approved method or theory of organisation, but which require the knowledge, co-operation and energy of each successive generation of workers. The Council.

During the winter of 1877-8 there was throughout the country a great increase in vagrancy. It appeared that in London the information that bread was given at the offices of the Committees had spread, and some of the offices were in consequence beset, generally towards mid-day, by large numbers of vagrants and wayfarers. The responsibility of dealing with Vagrancy.

cases of sudden and urgent necessity rested mainly upon the local Poor Law authorities; but by the rules of the Society their agents had been authorised, in cases of absolute hunger, to give bread to be eaten upon the spot. It was evident, however, that in the application of this rule great discretion was necessary on the part of the agents. A circular was accordingly issued, pointing out that the rule applied to cases of extreme urgency only; but that in all exceptional homeless cases, which did not appear suitable for reference to a Relieving Officer, the agents were to use their discretion in giving whatever immediate assistance might be required, with a view to the more complete treatment of the case afterwards. By the liberality of a member of the Society, special arrangements have been made at the Newport Market Refuge for the reception of these cases.

With reference to this paragraph attention may be called to the tabulated statement in the latter portion of this Report, where a large decrease will be noticed in the number of vagrants supplied with bread at the office of the Battersea Committee. It was found that many applied directly after leaving the Union, where they had passed the night, and who consequently could not have been suffering from absolute hunger. In accordance with the circular alluded to above all such applications were correctly refused.

Assistance
by way of
Loans.

A Sub-Committee, which reported on the subject of loans made by District Committees, made the following returns:—

	£	s.	d.
Total amount lent during two years ending			
September 30, 1877	3,694	3	11
Of this there has been repaid	2,936	12	5
Loans outstanding and deemed recoverable, though			
including doubtful debts	613	0	7
Written off as bad debts	144	10	11

The amount of loans by the Battersea Committee during the past year falls short of the total shown in the previous Report. Great discretion has to be exercised in dealing with such applications. In many cases it has been found on full inquiry that the application is planned by two men, one of whom offers himself as security for the other, without any intention of repayment. It is, of course, a matter of regret that any attempt should be made to negative the object of a plan so eminently calculated to assist the hard-working mechanic, but the Battersea Committee has reason to congratulate itself that in the cases

where loans have been granted, the repayments have been punctual, and the advances have resulted in the permanent benefit of the applicants.

The Society by its present rules does not undertake chronic cases. Hitherto indeed it has been considered that they should be dealt with by private persons, or by the existing pension societies. The change, however, of public opinion on the subject of the administration of outdoor relief, the endeavour to mark more clearly the division between cases suitable for the Poor Law, and those suitable for charity, the apparent inability of the existing institutions to deal effectively with pension cases, the necessity of some provision for cases which fitted into none of the categories framed by the institutions, or could not wait for admission, led to suggestions being made to alter the rule now in force, and to undertake to assist suitable chronic cases, under certain conditions, either by the co-operation of individuals whose contributions would be organised for one or more special cases, or by the establishment of pension funds, or eventually by the application of charitable endowments. On the other hand, it was thought that such proposals would largely increase the responsibilities of the Society, while the District Committees, by the many methods to which they resorted for dealing effectively with these cases, were learning what the solution of the difficulty might be. No change therefore was made.

Chronic
and Pen-
sion Cases.

Cognate to this question is that of adequate temporary relief. The difficulty of obtaining such relief was, it was urged, very great. There were, from time to time, cases of an exceptional nature, in which a sum of money was required quite out of proportion to the relief obtainable, under ordinary circumstances, by the means and influence of a local committee, or by reference to any of the metropolitan relief societies. To meet this want, it was arranged that a book containing the names of those willing to give liberal charitable assistance should be kept at the offices of the Council; and several persons, on seeing a notice on the subject in the *Charity Organisation Reporter*, and in the Annual Report of the Council, have consented to relieve these cases on reference. This, together with the insertion of appeals in the *Reporter*, has enabled the Council to obtain sufficient aid for all exceptional cases considered suitable by the administrative Committee.

Adequate
Relief.

When the Reserves were called out, it became a question whether any special effort should be made to meet the distress

The Arm/
Reserves.

which, it was stated, existed among their wives and families. No conclusive evidence as to the inadequacy of the remuneration received by the Reserve men was forthcoming, and it was felt that, if cases of distress arose, they could be thoroughly dealt with by the means already afforded to the public by the Society. It was considered also that if the remuneration were in fact inadequate, it was better that the Government should increase it than that inducements should be created for making independent persons applicants for charity. There were no doubt here and there several hard cases, in which the men were unable to resume their former employment on their return home. These, however, must have been exceptional, or the whole matter would have been discussed in the newspapers to a far greater extent, and some practical proposal mooted with respect to the future. One can only ascribe these exceptions to the state of the labour market, and trust that in any future emergency, employers will endeavour to co-operate as far as possible with the action of the Government.

Battersea
Provident
Dispensary.

The Committee has great pleasure in stating that the Dispensary, one of the most useful of our parochial institutions, the benefit of which to the poorer classes can hardly be over-estimated, is in a most flourishing condition. The number of members on its books is steadily increasing, and its financial position is consequently more firmly assured than ever.

Self-sup-
porting
Hospital.

The Committee would here wish to call attention to the eminently useful proposition lately placed before the public by their Chairman, viz. the establishment of a self-supporting Hospital. To quote Canon Clarke's own words—'When any persons connected with the Dispensary are so ill as to require to go into Hospital, they must either beg for admission to an endowed Hospital as paupers, or solicit a subscriber's letter to one of the hospitals supported by voluntary contributions. Surely there ought to be a third choice, and if a man is willing to pay the hospital charges for himself or for a sick member of his family, he ought to have the opportunity of doing so.' Undoubtedly such an institution would prove the greatest possible boon to the shopkeeper and first-class mechanic. In their own small homes it is of course impossible for patients of this class to occupy properly ventilated rooms, and receive the constant medical supervision so essentially necessary. The Committee is glad to hear that Canon Clarke's proposition has met with much encouragement and support, and it trusts that a self-

supporting Hospital may soon be firmly established on a sound pecuniary basis.

The fearful calamity occasioned by the sinking of the *Princess Alice* happily left but few traces in the Battersea District: the one or two cases, in which relief was needed were met by a grant from the funds at the disposal of the Mansion House Committee.

'Princess
Alice'
Catas-
trophe.

During the past year Mr. Francis Peek has continued his munificent gift to the Central Committee in re-payment of the School Board cases, with which the Society is from time to time called upon to deal. All cases in which parents plead poverty as an excuse for their children not being in attendance at the Board Schools, are referred to the several District Committees, and, if found on inquiry to be genuine and satisfactory, are assisted by them out of this special fund. In many cases the School Board authorities supplement his assistance by a remission of the fees.

School
Board
Cases.

The Battersea Penny Bank, concerning which the Committee was able to report so favourably last year, has during the past twelve months proved an even more decided success. Not only is the balance in hand considerably augmented, but there has been a marked improvement, both in the amount of the several deposits and in the steadiness of depositors. As the season has been one marked by depression in trade, it is a proof that this institution must have recommended itself to the favour of the working classes in no ordinary degree. The deposits during the past financial year exceeded the sum of £1,100, and the balance remaining in hand on September 30, 1878 was £477. 6s. 2d.

Penny
Bank.

Owing to the various local improvements in the Metropolis, the poorer population of Battersea has of late years materially increased, and the number of cases submitted to the Battersea Committee for assistance has risen in a corresponding ratio. During the ensuing months of winter and spring, it is certain that numerous instances of great distress will be brought under notice. The funds of the Battersea Branch are inadequate to deal satisfactorily with such calls, and it is therefore hoped that those who have hitherto helped the Committee with their subscriptions, will not only continue their pecuniary assistance, but will also recommend to their friends and neighbours the cause of a Society, which is carrying out among the needier classes of their fellow parishioners the work of genuine and properly applied charity.

Conclu-
sion.

CLASSIFIED LIST OF CASES DEALT WITH BY THE COMMITTEE.

CLASS I.—DISMISSED AS—

1. Not requiring relief	33
2. Ineligible	72
3. Undeserving	41
	<hr/> 146

CLASS II.—REFERRED TO—

1. The Poor Law	1
2. Private Persons	53
3. Institutions and Local Agencies	3
	<hr/> 57

CLASS III.—ASSISTED BY—

1. Grants	93
2. Loans	14
3. Employment	2
4. Letter for Hospital	14
	<hr/> 123
Inquiries for other Committees	64
Reports sent out	176

566

Number of destitute and homeless persons to whom bread has been supplied	319
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Grand Total 885

OCCUPATIONS OF RESIDENT APPLICANTS.

Accountant	1	Labourers	68
Architects	2	Lace maker	1
Billiard markers	3	Lamp lighters	2
Bill posters	2	Laundresses	11
Blacksmiths	5	Letter cutter	1
Boot	1	Lighterman	1
Boot Rivetters	2	Literary man	1
Brass Finisher	1	Manglers	7
Bricklayers	3	Masons	2
Butlers	3	Needlewomen	13
Cabmen	2	No occupation	20
Canvassers	2	Nurses	5
Carmen	7	Paper stainer	1
Carpenters	12	Packing case maker	1
Chair Caner	1	Painters	12
Chaff Cutter	1	Picture dealer	1
Charwomen	11	Plasterers	2
Clerks	19	Plumber	1
Coachman	1	Porters	4
Coal Porters	4	Provision dealer	1
Coachsmith	1	Rivetters	3
Compositor	1	Robemaker	1
Cooks	3	Saddler	1
Corn Dealer	1	Salesmen	2
Confectioner	1	Sawyer	1
Costumier	2	Schoolmaster	1
Designer	1	Servant	1
Drapers	4	Shoemakers	7
Dressmakers	8	Smiths	3
Drover	1	Swimming master	1
Engineers	2	Tailoress	2
Fat melter	1	Tailors	8
French polisher	1	Tinplate worker	1
French correspondent	1	Upholsterers	2
Gardeners	5	Upholsteress	1
Gasfitters	2	Washerwomen	32
General dealer	1	Watchmen	2
Glass blower	1	Wheelright	1
Glaziers	2	Watchmaker	1
Guards	2	Wood sawyer	1
Harness maker	1	Wood carver	1
Hawkers	6	Wood cutter	1
Ironers	2		
Iron moulder	1		
		Total	362

Of these 90 only subscribed to clubs and benefit societies.

CASES ILLUSTRATING THE SYSTEM OF INVESTIGATION.

CLASS I. DISMISSED.

Ineligible.

Case 1363. Wife applied for assistance to enable her husband to obtain employment or for temporary relief. On reference to another District Committee, it was ascertained that the case had already been relieved by them, and employment found for the husband. He, was however, discharged from this situation in the course of a few months, for dishonesty and intemperance. One of the district clergymen subsequently advanced the sum of £1 to applicant's husband to enable him to seek a situation in the country. Instead of so doing he appropriated the money to other uses and has never repaid the loan.

Undeserving.

Case 1418.—This was an application from a labourer, for a loan of £1, in order that he might pay off arrears of rent and redeem clothes from pawn. It was ascertained on inquiry that, though a young and able-bodied man, he had twice, through idleness, been an inmate of the workhouse. Also, that at his last lodgings he stole and then pawned several articles belonging to his landlady. Furthermore, from all his employers received the same report as to his character, viz. that he was lazy, careless and neglectful. A month previously he had applied to another District Committee for a loan, when also the case was decided to be undeserving.

CLASS II. REFERRED

To Board of Church Wardens and Overseers.

Case 1567.—A widow asked for assistance to enable her to pay off arrears of taxes. This case was found to be a deserving one, and most painful in its details, applicant having lost her husband, child, and father, by sudden death within the course of a few months. On the case being represented in the proper quarter by the Committee, the arrears of taxes were cancelled, and moreover her landlord on hearing the circumstances, forgave her half the amount of rent due.

To Private Persons.

Case 1401.—An application for employment or relief. It was ascertained that the applicant had sunk into a condition of great distress through no fault of his own, but through misfortune, while his character was all that could be desired. Reference was made to an intimate friend, who, through the medium of the Society, assisted him in his trouble for some time. He has now obtained regular employment and is doing well.

CLASS III. ASSISTED.

Grants.

Case 1367.—Applicant had broken her arm and asked for temporary relief until she could recover and resume her occupation as tailoress. She received assistance from the Committee for three months and a half, and is now re-employed at the Clothing Factory, Pimlico.

Case 1479.—A needlewoman asked the Committee to assist her in procuring a sewing machine. She stated that she was suffering from a weak spine, and that her earnings were insufficient to maintain herself and her mother, aged 71, who was paralysed. A most favourable report on the case was received from the clergymen of her parish and from her neighbours. The Committee, acting in conjunction with some of her private friends, furnished her with a hand machine, and she is now earning a sufficient livelihood.

Case 1570.—A dressmaker, suffering from extreme debility, consequent upon an abscess on the lung, and unable to work, was ordered by her doctor to go into the country for change of air. She applied to the Committee for the necessary assistance. Her application was acceded to and she has now returned in good health and able to earn her living.

Loans.

Case 1156.—Applicant asked for a loan of 30s. to enable him to redeem his tools from pawn and thus resume work. It was ascertained that slackness was the cause of his having been out of employment. His character was in all respects satisfactory. The loan was granted and has been repaid.

A P P E N D I X.

LIST OF ENDOWED CHARITIES FOR THE RELIEF OF THE POOR IN THE PARISH OF BATTERSEA.

Name	Annual Income	Nature of Trust	By whom administered	Remarks
Cooper's ...	£18. 15s.	Relief of poor of parish (not receiving alms), or apprenticing poor children of parish	Vicar, Churchwardens and Overseers.	
Ashness' ...	£3. 8s. 8d.	Relief of poor of parish ...	Ditto.	
Haldimand's ...	£3. 12s. 8d.	Ditto ...	Ditto.	
Wood's ...	£6. 6s.	To be distributed amongst 24 decayed families of the parish	Ditto.	
Rapp's ...	£6. 10s. 10d.	To be distributed equally amongst four poor men and four poor women, inhabitants of the parish	Ditto.	
Parvin's ...	£33. 12s. 8d.	To be laid out in coals, candles, bread, and flannel, and distributed among 40 poor widows in parish	Ditto.	The whole of this income is not actually subject to the trust here stated, a small part being properly applicable to the purchase of bread to be distributed on every fourth Sunday in the parish church.
Constable's ...	15s. 10d.	Relief of poor of parish ...	Ditto.	

Henry Smith's ...	£15 or £16	To be laid out in great coats for labouring men resident five years in the parish	Vicar, Churchwardens, and Overseers.	This is a general clothing charity. The amount received by the parish of Battersea varies.
Banks' ...	£25	£2. 10s. per annum each to five poor men and five poor single women, inhabitants of the parish, of the age of 40 years or upwards	Haberdasher's Company.	Until 1847 the Vicar and Churchwardens nominated the annuitants, but since then the Company has taken the nomination into its own hands, choosing as recipients labourers and widows not receiving poor relief.
Edmunds' ...	One-third of £350	Apprenticing poor boys of the parish	Vicar and Churchwardens.	

The above Charities (except Banks' and Edmunds') are distributed at Christmas by the Vicar, Churchwardens, and Overseers of the parish, who issue a form to be filled in by all applicants and endorsed by a householder.

LIST OF CHARITABLE AGENCIES FOR THE RELIEF OF THE POOR IN THE PARISH OF BATTERSEA.

Name	Receipts	Mode of operation	Officers	Remarks
Battersea Maternal Society	1877, Subscriptions and Donations, £82. 2s. 6d.; Deposits, £35. 7s. 6d.	Relief given in confinement by orders for medical attendance, and by nourishment and loan of linen to applicants who come provided with a ticket of recommendation and a deposit of 6s.	Treasurer— Mrs. De Burgh. Hon. Secretary— Mrs. Horne.	A subscription of 10s. 6d. entitles to one ticket of recommendation.

LIST OF CHARITABLE AGENCIES FOR THE RELIEF OF THE POOR IN THE PARISH OF BATTERSEA—Continued.

Name	Receipts	Modes of Operation	Officers	Remarks
St. Mary's Relief Fund (from Offertory)	Sept. 1877 to Oct. 1878, £178. 3s. 6d.	Tickets given by district visitors for bread, meat, grocery, and coals	Clergy and Churchwardens.	
St. Mary's Blanket Society	Sept. 1877 to Oct. 1878, £15	Loan of blankets on recommendation of district visitors	Treasurer— Mrs. Urwick.	Funds supplied by a Grant from St. Mary's Poor Relief Fund.
St. George's Relief Fund (from Offertory and Subscriptions)	1877-8, £38. 5s. 1d.	...	Clergy and Churchwardens.	
Christ Church Parochial Fund (from Offertory and Subscriptions)	1877-8, £80. 0s. 1d.	Tickets are given through Mission woman and district visitors for bread, meat, grocery, coals, and milk	Clergy and Churchwardens.	
Christ Church Blanket Society	1877-8, £14. 5s. 8d.	Loan of blankets on recommendation	Hon. Secretary— Mrs. Stopford J. Ram.	
Christ Church Shoe Club	1877-8, £20. 15s. 11d.	...	Hon. Secretary— Mr. Weston.	Subscriptions from children in school augmented by grant from Parochial Fund.
Christ Church Christmas Dinner Fund	£21. 10s. 4d.	...	Managing Committee.	Obtained by Collectors.
St. John's Relief Fund (from Offertory and Poor Boxes)	...	Tickets given by Clergy and district visitors for bread, meat, and coals	Clergy and Churchwardens.	
St. Saviour's Relief Fund	...	Provision tickets given to the sick and aged after investigation.	Treasurer— Rev. F. G. Scott.	This fund is derived from the Offertories and Poor Box.

School Boot Club	the Parish	Mr. Scott.	Church Sunday School children.
St. Saviour's Provident Society	...	Treasurers— Rev. S. G. Scott. Messrs. Bell & Heale.	Deposits received.
St. Saviour's Children's Hospital Fund	...	Treasurer— Rev. S. G. Scott.	Derived from the Offerings at the Children's Services.
St. Philip's Relief Fund	...	Clergy and Churchwardens.	
Baptist Chapel (York Road) Relief Fund (from Communicants' Alms)	...	Rev. C. Kirtland.	
Baptist Chapel (York Road) Dorcas Society	...		
Baptist Chapel (Battersea Park) Relief Fund (from Communicants' Alms)	...	Rev. Alfred Bax.	
Wesleyan Methodist Chapel (Bridge Road West) Lying-in Charity	...	Treasurer— Mrs. Miller.	
Wesleyan Methodist Chapel (Bridge Road West) Dorcas Society.	...	Treasurer— Mrs. Miller.	

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III.—To place gratuitously at the disposal of all charitable agencies and private persons the investigating machinery of the Committee of the Society, and to send, to persons having a legitimate interest in cases, full reports of the result of the investigations made.

IV.—To obtain from the proper charities, or from charitable individuals, suitable and adequate relief for deserving cases.

V.—To assist, from its own funds, and as far as possible in the form of loans, all suitable cases for which adequate assistance cannot be obtained from other sources.

VI.—To repress mendicity by the above means, and by the gratuitous distribution of investigation Tickets, and by the prosecution of impostors.

VII.—To afford to the public at large information regarding the objects and mode of working of existing charities.

VIII.—To promote, as far as possible, the general welfare of the poor by means of social and sanitary reforms, and by the circulation of habits of providence and self-dependence.

R E P O R T.

THE Committee regret that their Report must begin with the announcement that Mr. G. P. Bidder, who for some years has guided and aided them with all his varied powers, ready tact and manifold resources, has gone to reside at Mitcham, and being, therefore, unable to be present at their meetings, has resigned the post of Chairman. There are among their Subscribers many to whom Mr. Bidder is well known, and they will be able to appreciate to a very great extent the loss which the Committee sustained by his resignation; and they venture to hope that the appeal which they put forward now, as in former years, for personal help will come with fresher emphasis accompanied with this announcement, and that some who have hitherto taken no part in their labours will come forward and give them the aid which is now more than ever needed.

The Committee would direct attention to the fact, not perhaps generally known, that although they have a very numerous Committee, embracing the names of many who desire to show their interest in the Society in this way, as well as by subscribing to its funds, the actual working Members are nevertheless few in number—too small a number for that which should be their chief work viz., organizing charity. To be able to help in the most effectual manner the cases which are brought before them requires very varied and wide experience, as well as far-reaching and manifold channels of information, and the Committee have for a long time

felt that their powers of doing good are cramped by their want of active helpers, as well as larger means. Each new working Member could contribute something of value hitherto unavailable, and the wider area of resources which an increased number of helpers would bring to their aid would certainly enable the Committee to deal more thoroughly and effectually with some of the cases brought under their notice, more especially by enabling them to put them under the personal care of wise and sympathetic advisers and friends, by whom many now in difficulties would be more effectually and permanently helped than by any mere pecuniary aid which the Committee are able to give.

This their great want—viz., many more active workers—has been pressed upon their Subscribers in their last two Reports; and now that this need has, by the loss of their Chairman, grown into such very serious proportions, may they not expect that out of their numerous Subscribers some will be found who will supplement the pecuniary help they have long given by that which is of still greater value—viz., personal service. On this point the Committee would direct attention to the letter of the Rev. F. Kitto, Rector of Whitechapel, printed in *The Times* of the 1st of February, from which they extract the concluding paragraph:—"So far as I have any voice, I would strongly urge the benevolent public to meet the present needs by strengthening the existing agencies; and this not only with money, but with personal service. Separated as we are in the East End of London from close contact with the well-to-do classes, we need above all else the active service and sympathy of Christian men and women, who will not shrink from the difficult and self-denying task of patiently investigating, under proper guidance, the wants of the suffering poor, and bestowing with the alms of the public that priceless gift of tender personal sympathy which makes the act of charity glow with a divine glory, and exalts it from the common level of mere official relief to the far higher platform of Christian benevolence, and which realizes by sweet experience that 'it is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

The Committee have recently had under their consideration a circular from the Council, inviting their opinion as to the best way

of dealing with deserving chronic cases, and they believe that in the absence of any existing charities to which such cases could be referred, it might be well to adopt the plan already in force in two or three of the Districts of the Society—viz., raising a separate special fund, to be put into the hands of trustees, not necessarily members of their Committee, from which small pensions should be granted to those who, from no fault of their own, but from pure misfortune, are in danger of becoming destitute; and in this manner they think many very deserving persons would be saved from the degradation of becoming paupers. Should they succeed in carrying out this scheme, they hope to be able to combine it with another plan also adopted elsewhere, by which particular cases are taken up by one individual, who not only supplies the necessary pension, but supplements this by personal attention, advice and sympathy, and thus ensures to the person so aided the ever-ready and most welcome benefit of a real and true friend.

The present is not a favourable time for starting such a fund, but in the course of the year 1879 the Committee hope to have a plan prepared, and to appeal for funds.

The work of the Committee during the past year has increased—the resident cases being 121, as against 98 in 1877. The action of the Committee with respect to these resident cases is shown in the accompanying table, which is supplemented by some illustrative cases, and by a selection from their loans.

The number of non-resident vagrants during the past year who applied at the office was 569, as against 580 in 1877.

1878.	DISMISSED AS			RECOM- MENDED TO			ASSISTED BY				General Total.	Reports sent out. Enquiries for other Committees. Non-resident or Vagrants dealt with.		
	Not requiring Relief	Undeserving.	Poor Law, or otherwise Indigible.	Guardians.	Institutions or Local Agencies.	Private Persons.	Grants.	Loans.	Employment.	Letters for Hospitals, &c.				
January	4	...	3	...	1	...	6	1	...	...	15	4	4	51
February .....	...	4	3	...	1	1	4	1	...	2	16	6	6	54
March	1	...	7	...	...	1	4	1	...	...	14	14	5	40
April	3	...	4	...	...	...	2	...	...	2	11	9	6	49
May	1	1	2	...	...	1	2	3	...	1	11	7	5	70
June	5	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	7	3	...	51
July .....	...	...	2	...	2	...	2	...	...	...	6	5	5	44
August .....	...	...	3	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	4	5	2	31
September .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	39
October	4	...	2	...	2	...	5	1	...	2	16	13	12	56
November .....	...	1	3	1	...	1	3	1	...	2	12	6	3	44
December	1	1	3	...	...	1	2	...	...	1	9	6	5	40
Total	19	7	33	1	6	5	32	8	0	10	121	78	53	569
GRAND TOTAL	59			12			50				121			
DITTO, 1877	33			11			54				98			

ILLUSTRATIVE CASES.

GRANTS.

A charwoman, recently recovered from a bad foot, applied for assistance to buy a pair of boots and redeem some clothing. The necessary sum was granted, and the articles obtained to enable her to go out to work.

A carman, with wife (in delicate health) and four children, was temporarily laid up. The Committee aided him until he was able to resume work. This man belonged to a Foresters' Club.

A farrier, with wife and two children dependent, who had been laid up many weeks, and who had recently lost two other children from small-pox, was relieved, and subsequently sent to Walton Convalescent Home. His health not improving there, a lady obtained for him an order for admission to Bognor Convalescent Home, where his health improved, and he resumed work on his return home. This man belonged to a club.

An elderly couple, who had failed in business at a second-hand clothes shop, were relieved. The man got employment at his old occupation of slater. The Committee subsequently paid the arrears of his club.

A labourer at gas works, with wife and six young children, temporarily laid up through illness, was aided for three weeks, till he was able to resume work. This man belonged to a sick benefit club.

A labourer, with wife and five young children, out of work for many weeks, was aided, and the arrears of his club were paid, which saved him from forfeiting, through default, the benefit of his club.

In several cases boots were granted to children of persons in needy circumstances, from Mr. Francis Peek's Fund, to enable the children to attend school. These cases are referred to the Committee by School Board authorities.

LOANS WITHOUT INTEREST.

Loan of £1 to a respectable man out of employment, to enable him to pay arrears of sick club.

Loan of £11 to a respectable man, in good employment, to enable him to liquidate debts incurred through sickness and death in the family.

Loan of £5 to a cabman who had lost his horse, to enable him to take a situation as tram-car conductor.

Loan of £1 to a bricklayer, who, through sickness and being out of work, got in arrears of rent, to enable him to compound with his landlord, prior to his removal to North London, where constant employment was promised him.

Loan of £1 15s. to a poor woman, to enable her to redeem sewing machine.

Loan of £7 to a respectable person, who obtains a livelihood by teaching and letting furnished apartments; who, being without lodgers for a time, got in arrears of rent, &c.

Loan of £17 to a cabman, to enable him to purchase a horse.

The Loans for 1878 were £47, and the repayments £39 8s.
For 1877, £25 6s., and the repayments £32 15s.

R U L E S .

1.—THAT a Charity Office be established in a central position in the Parish.

2.—That one or more properly accredited Charity Officers be appointed by the Committee, who shall be responsible for the investigation of all cases coming before the Committee, and shall be in communication with the Relieving Officer and Agents of the various Charities in the Parish.

3.—That the Charity Office shall be open to applicants every week day, at such stated hours as the Committee shall determine; and that a Charity Officer shall be in attendance during those hours to receive applications.

4.—That Tickets, bearing the address of the Charity Officer, be supplied to the householders in the Parish for distribution, and that the cases of all applicants presenting themselves with Tickets at the Charity Office shall be investigated and reported to the Committee.

5.—That the Committee (or a Sub-Committee to be appointed for that purpose) do meet at least once in every week to consider and deal with all cases investigated and referred to them by the Charity Officer or the Board of Guardians.

6.—That all cases properly belonging to the Poor Law shall be at once referred to the Guardians, and that in general the Committee do not supplement the relief given by the Guardians.

7.—That as a rule the Committee will only entertain the cases of persons resident in the Parish.

8.—That all cases that can appropriately be dealt with by any existing Charity within the Parish shall be referred to such Charity, and that relief shall only be granted by the Committee in cases which cannot properly be dealt with by any other agency.

9.—That during the interval between the meetings of the Committee, the Charity Officer have discretion to grant temporary relief to cases which upon enquiry seem to demand it, and that immediate relief be afforded in all urgent cases. All such relief to be reported to the Committee at their next meeting.

10.—That a complete Alphabetical Register of all cases resident in the district, enquired into by the Charity Officer or relieved either by the Committee or from any other source as to which information can be obtained (exclusive of any cases which may be expressly excepted by the Committee), be kept at the Charity Office, and be open to the inspection of the Relieving Officer, Agents of Charities, and all persons interested in the administration of charity in the Parish.

11.—That besides dealing with cases in which application is made at the Charity Office, the Committee will endeavour, as far as possible, to reach the cases of deserving and necessitous persons who may shrink from applying for relief.

12.—That the Committee shall endeavour at all times to work in harmony with the Board of Guardians and existing Charities, and so far as possible to avoid interfering with them in their respective spheres of action.

13.—That indiscriminate charity be discouraged within the Parish, as being bad in principle and injurious in its effects.

14.—That application be made to all householders in the Parish for subscriptions to provide the funds necessary to carry on the work of the Committee.

LIST OF SUBSCRIBERS.

						£	s.	d.
Aldis, Mr. H. K., 20, North Road	..	..	..	..	..	0	10	0
Allum, Mr. G., 5, The Chase	..	..	..	..	..	0	10	0
Amos, Mr. C. E., 5, Cedars Road	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	0
Bagster, Mr. C., 30, Liston Road	..	..	..	..	..	0	5	0
Bailey, Mr. A. H., Park Hill	..	..	..	..	..	0	10	0
Bailey, Mr. G., 453, Wandsworth Road	..	..	..	..	..	0	10	0
Baker, Mr. E., 3, The Cedars	..	..	..	..	..	10	10	0
Baker, Mr. J., 27, Gauden Road	..	..	..	..	Don.	1	0	0
Ball, Mr. W. T., The Limes, Larkhall Rise	..	..	..	..	..	0	10	0
Bathurst, Rev. L. C., 4, The Terrace	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	0
Batten, Mr. R., Park Hill	..	..	..	..	..	0	10	0
Bell, Miss, 31, Cedars Road	..	..	..	..	..	0	2	6
Beasley, Mr. F., 74, High Street	..	..	..	..	..	0	2	6
Bicknell, Mr. H. S., Clapham Common	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	0
Bidden, Mr. J. E., "Maxton House," Loat's Road	..	..	..	..	..	1	0	0
Bidder, Mr. G. P., 6, Cedars Road	..	..	..	..	..	5	5	0
Birch, Mr. W., 402, Clapham Road	..	..	..	..	..	0	10	0
Blagrove, Mr. R. M., 70, Union Grove	..	..	..	..	..	0	5	0
Borley, Mr. G. W., 631, Wandsworth Road	..	..	..	..	..	0	2	6
Boustead, Mr. E., 1, Clarence Road	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	0
Bowyer, Rev. F. W. A., The Rectory, Macaulay Road	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	0
Bowyer, Captain, Steeple Aston, Oxford	..	..	..	..	..	3	3	0
Boyman, Mr. R. B., Park Hill	..	..	..	..	..	0	10	0
Boyson, Mrs., 99, Larkhall Rise	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	0
Boyton, Mr. M., 22, Broadhinton Road	..	..	..	..	..	0	5	0
Bristow, Mr. G. L., 2, Cedars Road	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	0
Broughton, Mr. H., 5, Macaulay Road	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	0
Burn, Mr. W., 9, The Terrace	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	0
Capes, Mr. F., 80, Victoria Road	1	0	0
Carr, Mr. H., 21, Cedars Road	1	1	0
Carried forward	37	10	6

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					£	s.	d.
Brought forward	37	10	6
Cattley, Miss, 11, The Grove	0	5	0
Chambers, Mr. G. H., 24, High Street	2	2	0
Christopher, Mr. G., 8, Rectory Grove	..	..	..	..	0	2	0
Clayton, Mrs., 4, Cedars Road	..	..	..	..	1	1	0
Coles, Mr. H., "Clifton Lodge," Thornton Road	..	..	..	..	1	1	0
Cooke, Mr. W., 9, Manor Street	..	..	..	..	0	5	0
Corbett, Mr. T., Cavendish Road	..	..	..	..	1	0	0
Crafer, Mr. T. J., Atkins Road	..	..	..	..	0	5	0
Cronin, Dr. E., 31, Old Town	..	..	..	..	1	1	0
Curwen, Mr. J. A., 19, Union Grove	..	..	..	..	0	5	0
Cundell, Mr. G. S., Clarence Road	..	..	..	..	1	0	0
Dacre, Mr. R., 4, Nelson Terrace	..	..	..	..	0	5	0
Dalton, Mrs., New Park Road	..	..	..	..	0	10	6
Danby, Mr. C., 13, Gauden Road	..	..	..	..	0	10	0
Deane, Mr. James, 17, Pavement	..	..	..	..	1	1	0
De la Hooke, Mr. H., 33, Union Grove	..	..	..	..	0	10	0
Dennis, Mr. J., 153, Manor Street	..	..	..	..	0	2	6
Dixon, Mrs., The Elms	..	..	..	..	0	10	0
Dowsett, Mr. D., 5, Old Town	..	..	..	..	0	2	6
Dumas, Mr. H. J. P., 7, The Cedars	..	..	..	..	1	1	0
Eagle, Mr. W., South Road	..	..	..	..	0	5	0
Etches, Mr. S., 44, High Street	..	..	..	..	1	1	0
Faulconer, Mr. R. S., "Fairlawn," Clarence Road	..	..	..	..	2	2	0
Foster, Mrs. T., Atkins Road	..	..	..	Don.	1	1	0
Fullerton, Mr. T. G., Clapham Common	..	..	..	..	0	10	0
Galland, Mr. R., 50, Larkhall Rise	..	..	..	..	1	0	0
Gingell, Mr. W. H., "Prescott Lodge," Park Hill	..	..	..	..	0	10	0
Gorringe, Mr. F., 7, Victoria Road	..	..	..	..	1	1	0
Greenhill, Mr. W., King's Road	..	..	..	..	1	1	0
Greville, Rev. E. S., 95, Larkhall Rise	..	..	..	..	0	10	0
Griffin, Mrs., "Rocklands," King's Road	..	..	..	..	0	10	0
Grover, Mr. J. W., "Chase Lodge"	..	..	..	..	1	1	0
Hall, Mrs., 1, Victoria Road	..	..	..	..	1	0	0
Hardy, Mr. C. F., South Road	..	..	..	..	1	1	0
Carried forward	..	..	..	..	63	2	0

	Brought forward	63	2	0	
Harland, Mrs., Clapham Common	1	1	0
Hart, Mrs., "Park Hill Cottage," Park Hill	0	10	0
Hawkins, Mr. G., 40, Union Grove	0	2	6
Healy, Mr. A. W., 57, High Street	0	10	0
Heath, Mr. R., 386, Clapham Road	1	1	0
Hepburn, Mr. T., Clapham Common	1	1	0
Hill, Mr. A. S., "Southfield," Atkins Road	0	10	0
Hooper, Mr. G., "Grove Lodge," Grove Road	0	10	0
Hopgood, Mr. James, Clapham Common	1	1	0
Hornell, Mr. R., 36, Larkhall Rise	1	1	0
Hudson, Mr. R., Clapham Common	2	2	0
F'Anson, Mr. E., 5, The Terrace	5	0	0
J. A.	0	10	6
Jameson, Mr. W. G., King's Road	0	5	0
Jenkinson, Mr. A., 43, Cedars Road	0	2	6
Jones, Mr. W. N., 105, Manor Street..	0	2	6
Lambert, Mrs., 23, Cedars Road	0	5	0
Laurence, Mr. S., "Bygrove House," Poynder's Road	2	2	0
Leach, Mr. C., King's Road	1	1	0
Lee, Mr. J., Clapham Common	1	1	0
Leofter, Mr. L., 33, Cedars Road	0	10	0
Lewis, Mr. B., Macaulay Road..	0	5	0
Littlehales, Mr. F., 10, Victoria Road	0	10	0
Lloyd, Mr. F. R., 7, Church Buildings	0	5	0
Loyd, Mr. T., 15, North Road	1	0	0
Loyd, Mrs., ditto	0	10	0
Long, Mr. G., 25, Gauden Road	0	5	0
Mackrell, Mr. J., 3, Victoria Road	2	2	0
Mann, Miss, 14, Church Buildings	0	10	6
Markham, Mr. W. O., Nightingale Lane	0	10	0
Martin, Mr. J. E., 3, Nelson Terrace..	1	1	0
Martin, Mr. J., 12, Chatham Terrace	0	5	0
Martineau, Mr. D., 4, South Road	1	1	0
Marzetti, Mr. R. B., King's Road	1	1	0
Mason, Mr. G. H., Queen's Road	1	1	0
Carried forward	94	18	0	

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					£	s.	d.
Brought forward	94	18	0
McDonogh, Mr. J., 16, Park Road	0	5	0
McKellar, Miss, "Argyll Lodge," Atkins Road	1	1	0
McKinnell, Mr. J., Atkins Road	..	..	..	..	1	1	0
McLauchlan, Mr. D. J., 29, Union Grove	..	..	..	Don.	0	2	6
Meaden, Mr. G. P., 86, High Street	..	..	..	..	0	10	0
Meyer, Mrs., 8, Church Buildings	..	..	..	..	0	5	0
Miers, Mr. F. C., "Stoneleigh Lodge," Grove Road	..	..	..	..	0	5	0
Morton, Mr. A. C., 29, Sibella Road	..	..	..	..	1	1	0
Newall, Mr. W., 11, Manor Street	..	..	..	..	0	5	0
Newdigate, Mr. A. L.	..	..	..	..	2	0	0
Niemann, Mr. H. F., Clarence Road	..	..	..	..	1	1	0
Osborne, Mrs., 51, Manor Street	..	..	..	..	0	2	0
Pace, Mr. T. R., 1, The Chase	..	..	..	..	0	10	0
Parrott, Mr. J. W. W., 36, Turret Grove	..	..	..	..	0	5	0
Pearson, Mr. H., 82, High Street	..	..	..	..	0	2	6
Peele, Mr. S., 529, Wandsworth Road	..	..	..	..	0	2	6
Phelps, Mrs., 46, Larkhall Rise	..	..	..	..	0	5	0
Pipe, Miss, "Laleham," Clarence Road	..	..	..	..	0	5	0
Plunkett, Rev. Fr., "St. Mary's," Park Road	..	..	..	..	0	10	0
Pocock, Mr. T. G., 32, Grafton Square	..	..	..	..	1	0	0
Pollock, Lady Montagu, "ThurLOW," Larkhall Rise	..	..	..	..	0	10	6
Price, Mr. E., 4, Loat's Road	..	..	..	..	1	0	0
Prout, Mr. J., 4, Victoria Road	..	..	..	Don.	1	1	0
Purchas, Mr. T., 49, Union Grove	..	..	..	..	0	2	6
Remy, Mrs. 47, Manor Street	..	..	..	..	0	5	0
Richardson, Mr. W., 17, Sibella Road	..	..	..	..	0	5	0
Riches, Mr. W., 7, Crescent Place	..	..	..	..	1	1	0
Ring, Mr. J., New Park Road	..	..	..	..	0	5	0
Ritchie, Mr. H. S., 2, St. Paul's Close	..	..	..	..	0	10	6
Robertson, Mrs., "Thornleigh," Clapham Common	..	..	..	..	1	1	0
Rogers, Mr. N., 37, Cedars Road	..	..	..	..	0	5	0
Rouse, Mr. F. J., 114, High Street	..	..	..	..	0	5	0
Saker, Mr. S., 447, Wandsworth Road	..	..	..	..	0	5	0
S. C. (per Mr. James Deane)	..	..	..	..	1	1	0
Carried forward	..	..	..	..	112	14	0

					£	s.	d.
	Brought forward	..	..	..	112	14	6
Sclanders, Mr. D., Cavendish Road	..	..	..	..	1	1	0
Scott, Miss, 420, Clapham Road	..	..	..	..	0	10	0
Sergeant, Mr. T. H., 348, Wandsworth Road	..	..	..	..	0	2	6
Shelford, Mr. W., 6, The Grove	..	..	..	..	0	10	0
Shelford, Mrs., 24, Victoria Road	..	..	..	..	0	5	0
Simpson, Mrs., 78, Victoria Road	..	..	..	..	2	0	0
Simpson, Mr. H., 32, Cedars Road	..	..	..	..	1	1	0
Smith, Mrs. Julia, 56, Larkhall Rise	..	..	..	..	0	10	6
Spitta, Dr., 2, The Sweep	..	..	..	..	1	1	0
Standfield, Mr. J., "Norman House," Lillieshall Road	..	..	..	..	0	10	0
Stantial, Rev. Dr., 333, Clapham Road	..	..	..	..	1	0	0
Stapleton, Mrs., The Grove	..	..	..	..	1	1	0
Stone, Mr. E., Park Hill	..	..	..	..	0	5	0
Stringer, Mr. E., 3, Pavement	..	..	..	..	0	5	0
Synnot, Mrs., "Brighstone House," Lillieshall Road	..	..	..	..	1	1	0
Taylor, Mr. E., Clapham Common	..	..	..	..	1	1	0
Taylor, Mr. J. A., 123, High Street	..	..	..	..	0	5	0
Thornton, Miss M., 3, The Sweep	..	..	..	..	1	1	0
Tillett, Mr. A., 28, High Street	..	..	..	..	0	10	6
Todd, Mr. T., 26, High Street	..	..	..	..	0	10	0
Tuppen, Mr. W., 25, Broadhinton Road	..	..	..	..	0	2	6
Turner, Mrs. F. T., 8, The Cedars	..	..	..	..	1	0	0
Van Voorst, Mr. J., "Utrecht House," Queen's Road	..	..	..	..	0	10	6
Vlasto, Mr. A., "Craven House," Grove Road	..	..	..	..	1	1	0
Walker, Mr. R., 13, Liston Road	..	..	..	..	0	2	6
Ward, Mr. J., 24, Lambourn Road	..	..	..	..	0	5	0
Warrick, Mrs., 2, Grange Road	..	..	..	..	0	2	6
Wellington, Mr. J. H., 85, High Street	..	..	..	..	0	5	0
Wilkinson, Mr. A. W., 8, Victoria Road	1	1	0
Wood, Dr. F. G., 19, Cedars Road	1	1	0
Wright, Mr. C. R., 497, Wandsworth Road	0	2	6
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								£	s.	d.
Bathurst, Rev. L. C.	1	0	0
Bidder, Mr. G. P.	5	5	0
Boyson, Mrs.	1	0	0
Gingell, Mr. W. H.	0	10	0
Hardy, Mr. C. F.	1	1	0
Harland, Mrs.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	0
Laurence, Mr. S...	3	3	0
Lewis, Mr. B.	0	5	0
Martineau, Mr. D.	1	1	0
Pipe, Miss..	0	5	0
Stone, Mr. E.	0	5	0
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OBJECTS.

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I.—To bring into harmonious co-operation with each other and with the Poor Law authorities the various charitable agencies and individuals in the district, and thus effectually to check the evils of “ overlapping ” relief caused by simultaneous but independent action.

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THE COUNCIL of the CHARITY ORGANISATION SOCIETY desire to invite the attention of those interested in the work they have in hand to their Collection of Reports of Charities, and works of reference on Poor Law and Charity, which may at all times be consulted at the Central Office free of charge, together with the Reports and Suggestions of the Society on various Social Questions.

The Secretaries are authorised to furnish particulars with regard to Charitable Societies to persons desirous of such information.

The Council will be glad to receive letters of recommendation for Hospitals, Convalescent Homes, &c., for distribution to suitable cases through the District Committees.

Contributions to the funds of the Council can be paid at the Central Office, 15 Buckingham Street, Adelphi; or at Messrs. Coutts & Co.'s, 59 Strand, W.C.

Draft Orders on Bankers for annual payments, until further orders, can be supplied to any who wish for them.

Contributions for the poorer District Committees can be paid to the District Committee Aid Fund of the Council.

October, 1878.

REPORT.



AFTER an experience of eight years, the Committee submit to their friends in Camberwell their views of the work which yet lies before them in ministrations amongst the poor. The times are trying, and the prospects amongst the labouring classes are dark. The labour of love, therefore, must continue; but it must be done on a system, so that all the force may be applied, if possible, upon those who really require help and encouragement.

The Charity Organization Society would not turn aside any flow of charity for any purposes of its own. It does not mean to chill or curtail any work of pity. It would be sorry even to suggest suspicion concerning the character or motives of any poor man's family to which the attention of kind people may have been called. The Society only seeks to find out the truth, and deal with the facts, of every case. It works in the interests of all the deserving poor. It offers its services only as a help to the generous impulses of Christian benevolence. It exists only because protection is needed for the real sufferers against unprincipled impostors, who intercept the gifts which were meant for such as require them most. The Society deprecates a spirit of harshness, and a system of espionage towards the poor; just as it abjures any attempt at dictation or even suggestion towards the charitable. It suggests caution, and discrimination, and intelligent enquiry, only from an ascertained fact that imposition is carried on in systematic and skilful attempts to dissemble and mislead.

The Committee regret to announce that their ranks have been thinned by the removal of friends during the past year. Their aged and respected Chairman has been taken away by death; and they

thank their former Treasurer for his past services, while they regret that his pressing engagements do not admit of his remaining in the office which he has filled so well. But they welcome their new supporters, and make an appeal to many more of their neighbours for help in a work which has at heart the very best interest of the really deserving poor.

The Committee are happy to announce that C. W. C. HUTTON, Esq., J.P., D.L., of Belair, Dulwich, has kindly consented to succeed the late R. A. GRAY, Esq., as their Chairman; and JAMES WHEELER, Esq., Italian Villa, Grove Park, to take the place of R. STRONG, Esq., as their Treasurer.

The Statement of Accounts will show that a falling off in the subscriptions has curtailed the relief available for distribution out of the funds; but, with the continued powerful help of the Society for the Relief of Distress, and other contributors using the agency of the Committee, a further sum than appears in the Balance Sheet of £93 8s. 6d. has been applied to the wants of the neighbourhood, in addition to blankets, &c., during the winter.

The Committee have to thank the Magistrates of the Lambeth Police Court for a donation of £20; and the Members who regularly attend the weekly meetings for relief on Thursdays, at 5 p.m., at Grove Lane, Camberwell, and on Fridays at 4 p.m. at Meeting House Lane, Peckham, urge on those who, if not able to attend often, may give their presence and help occasionally, by which it is hoped the further support and interest of their neighbours may be secured.

Mr. JAMES SEDGLEY having accepted another appointment, Mr. JOHN RICHARD MASCALL has succeeded him as Agent at Camberwell.

SPECIMEN CASES.

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ASSISTED.

1657. Labourer, 46, wife 50, three children, applied for assistance, having been injured unloading a stone from a barge, found on inquiry to be worthy, was relieved by a grant of £1, and subsequently received £1 from the magistrates.

1667. Hawker, 39, wife 34, four children, the man paralysed, usually hawks fish about; wife confined; unable to work, but able to procure work when strong enough, relieved by a grant of 10s.

1719. Artist, 59, wife 54, seven children, five shop girls; was formerly a merchant in the City, but through unfortunate circumstances compelled to wind up his affairs, found to be deserving, was granted £2 to buy materials for work.

1762. Shoemaker, 37, wife 40, one child; applied for a loan of £4 to purchase the particular kind of tools used in the rivet-boot trade; loan of £3 granted, the man doing well, and loan being repaid.

1771. Widow, 38, four children; doing collar work (supporting an aged father out of her earnings), applied for assistance to get a sewing machine, one child ill at home; a grant of £1 was made, and two pairs of boots for the children.

310. A widow, age 34, with seven children, applied for a grant

of £8 to pay off debt on sewing machine; the Society gave £1 10s., and £1 10s. was given by the Society for Relief of Distress, King-street, St. James's; she is now earning a comfortable living.

359. Commercial traveller, age 32, wife, and four children; out of employ five months through depression of trade; asked for assistance to bury a child just dead; he bore a good character; £1 granted by the Society.

375. A widow, aged 32, two children; asked for assistance to buy an ironing stove, to take in washing; 15s. granted by the Society; she is now able to earn her living.

399. A labourer, 35, wife and five children; asked for a loan of £2 to buy a wringing and mangling machine; it was granted by the Society. The loan is being paid off regularly, and the wife finds it of great assistance in her work.

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#### DISMISSED.

1716. Hawker of salt, 32, wife 35, two children; asked for a grant to buy a stock of salt to sell; it was found the man had been found drunk and riotous in the streets; earned plenty of money in summer time, but spent it in drink.

1764. Tailoress, 38, husband floor-cloth worker (a patient in the Camberwell Infirmary), asked for food; found to be drunkards, and a terror to the neighbourhood, the woman lazy and neglecting her family, and that the man was admitted to the infirmary through being injured by throwing a paraffin lamp about in a drunken brawl.

1784. A widow of a surgeon, 30, four children, applied for

assistance to support herself and family till she could get a situation ; it was ascertained applicant had been leading an immoral life.

1823. Wife was employed washing and charing, 37, husband, labourer, 40, two children, applied for money to forward children to sister at Pimlico, as husband could not work having met with an accident to his thumb when at work ; found on enquiry that both were confirmed drunkards.

1834. Conductor of an omnibus, out of employ, 31, wife, 28, four children ; asked for boots for two of the children. It was ascertained the man had been discharged from his last place through bringing in insufficient money, and short in his accounts ; wife a drunkard.

315. A clerk, age 34, wife, and five children. Out of employ five weeks ; asked for food for his family ; he had previously been in receipt of £150 per annum, with a bonus of £20 at Christmas. It was ascertained from previous addresses he was given to drink and late hours, getting in debt, and had his goods seized while in employment.

320. A porter, age 45, wife, and four children ; asked for food ; he had formerly been a soldier twelve years, and claimed his discharge ; was afterwards employed as prison warder, and since as task-master and porter at Newington and Lambeth workhouses ; discharged for untruthfulness and general misconduct.

343. A sawyer, age 52, wife 43 ; applied for assistance to pay rent ; the man given to drink, the woman known as a begging impostor several years ; since the application she has been committed to prison for three months for attempting to obtain money by false representations.

## APPENDIX.

### TABULAR STATEMENT OF CASES DEALT WITH BY THE COMMITTEE BETWEEN OCTOBER 1<sup>ST</sup>, 1877, AND SEPTEMBER 30<sup>TH</sup>, 1878.

#### CLASS I.—DISMISSED OR UNFAVOURABLY REPORTED ON, AS—

|                                                |     |     |     |     |     |
|------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 1. Not requiring relief                        | ... | ..  | ... | ... | 14  |
| 2. Undeserving                                 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 17  |
| 3. Cases for Poor Law, or otherwise ineligible | ... |     |     |     | 147 |
| Total                                          | ... | ... | —   |     | 178 |

#### CLASS II.—RECOMMENDED TO—

|                                   |     |     |     |     |     |
|-----------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 1. The Guardians                  | ... | ... | ... | ... | 0   |
| 2. Institutions or Local Agencies | ... | ... | ... |     | 77  |
| 3. Private Persons                | ... | ... | ... | ... | 150 |
| Total                             | ... | ... | —   |     | 227 |

#### CLASS III.—ASSISTED BY—

|                          |     |     |     |     |     |     |
|--------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 1. Grants                | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 199 |
| 2. Loans                 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 19  |
| 3. Employment            | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 0   |
| 4. Letters for Hospitals | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 14  |
| Total                    | ... | ... | —   |     |     | 232 |
|                          |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| Grand Total              | ... |     |     |     |     | 637 |

|                                |     |     |     |     |     |
|--------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Reports sent out               | ... | ... | ... | ... | 260 |
| Inquiries for other Committees | ... | ... | ... |     | 348 |
| Vagrants dealt with            | ... | ... | ... | ... | 55  |
| Referred to other Committees   | ... | ... | ... | ... | 8   |

# ABSTRACT OF TREASURER'S ACCOUNTS, ENDING SEPTEMBER 30th, 1878.

| Dr.                                   | £ s. d.          | Cr.                                   | £ s. d.          |
|---------------------------------------|------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------|
| To Balance ... ..                     | 20 16 9          | By Rent and Taxes ... ..              | 65 6 10          |
| " Annual Subscriptions and Donations  | 173 0 6          | " Fuel and Light ... ..               | 5 12 1           |
| " Contributions for Special Cases ... | 40 0 0           | " Salaries ... ..                     | 81 5 0           |
| " Do. for School Board Cases          | 37 13 8          | " Collector's Poundage ... ..         | 9 6 8            |
| " Repayment of Loans ... ..           | 29 11 1          | " Stationery, Books, and Printing ... | 10 8 3           |
| " Balance due to Treasurer ... ..     | 11 16 8          | " Postage ... ..                      | 3 7 10           |
|                                       |                  | " Incidental Expenses ... ..          | 4 2 11           |
|                                       |                  | " Grants ... ..                       | 99 8 8           |
|                                       |                  | " Loans ... ..                        | 34 0 0           |
|                                       |                  |                                       | *133 8 8         |
|                                       | <u>£312 18 3</u> |                                       | <u>£312 18 3</u> |

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Examined and found correct,

Signed, { EDWARD B. GUDGEON.  
WILLIAM DICKER.

6th December, 1878.

\* In addition £93 8s. 6d, entrusted to the Committee for that purpose, has been distributed.



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SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT, 1877-78.

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# REPORT

OF THE

## GREENWICH COMMITTEE

OF THE

### Charity Organization Society,

1877-78.

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THE Committee have continued their work with great success, which the details at the end of this Report will show, and they trust that the Public will increase their Subscriptions instead of allowing them to fall off, as they have done during the past year to the extent of £18. (the sum now due to the Treasurer being £10.), because they feel sure that if they would enquire *among the poor* they would be satisfied that the insinuations against their management are baseless.

The Charity Agent has, as the Rev. F. S. CLARK stated at the last Annual Meeting, "assisted the poor *promptly and kindly*," and the Committee have granted loans, without interest, to the extent of £716. in all, at critical times; thus the condition of the poor generally has been raised, and it would be a great evil if, for want of a few shillings from each of the richer inhabitants of the Parish, this were checked, and the rates consequently raised instead.

The Committee do not wish to interfere at all with District Visiting Societies, but offer them assistance gratis in obtaining information as to any cases which they may wish to have more fully enquired into, or in which the Committee can help the poor by means of loans, or, if the subscriptions are sufficient, in any other way in which individuals cannot act effectively.

Nearly all the Clergy of the South-Eastern District have supported the Society, and the Rev. CANON MILLER has promised to recommend their work for the support of his Parishioners in his next parochial circular.

If any one does not yet comprehend the importance of the Organization of Charity and of the Relief of Distress, in which the Guardians of the Poor have a large share, they may be reminded of the fact that after it was commenced there were in the Metropolis, at the end of August, 1870, 94,700 persons receiving out-door relief, whilst there were at the end of October last only 37,000. More than half of the former number must therefore have been induced or enabled to support themselves by work, so as not to require aid from the poor rates.

Enquiry.

As it may still be imagined that their operations are confined to the mere discouragement of begging, the Committee state that their principal work consists in *encouraging* private charity by discovering the truth, and enabling those who send persons to their office with *numbered tickets* to rely on their charity being *applied properly*, and not so as to support families of beggars in idleness. It will be admitted that it is most desirable not to *tempt* people to impose on others by giving alms without enquiry,

for the *prevention of deceit is preferable to the punishment of deceivers*. They undertake to send to Subscribers reports on all cases identified by numbered tickets, with as little delay as possible; and they request that the statements of persons to whom Tickets are given may soon be made known to their Agent if there appears to be any discrepancy.

They have every facility for instituting enquiries all over the Metropolis, 38 similar Committees being now at work, and they recognise the enquiry tickets of all Charity Organization Committees, who send them reports on all cases in their districts which are referred to them, and act in concert with a Central Council, and also with more than a hundred similar Associations in this kingdom and in other countries.

The Committee continue to aid the poor chiefly by *Loans*, a capital of only £35. having proved sufficient to enable them to lend £716. since they commenced operations. The loss has only only 3s. 6d. out of £75., the total sum lent in 1877-8.

They are still convinced that by proper loans the greatest permanent good is done at the least cost. To prevent borrowing becoming habitual they do not grant to one person more than two loans in the first or second year, and one loan in succeeding years, except under special circumstances; and they satisfy themselves that the object of each loan is promising.

They have endeavoured to facilitate the migration of single men to places where they were required, and, by means of their Labour Register, 109 people have been introduced to employers of labour, and many others have been furnished with information published weekly in the "Labour News," or referred to the Labour Registry, 15, Russell Street, Covent Garden, during 1877-8.

They encourage prudent habits by urging the poor, after paying off loans, to *continue to save money weekly*, and place it in the Post Office Savings' Bank.

The Committee endeavour to induce the relations of the aged and infirm to help them, and have avoided, as much as possible, assisting those who get relief from the Guardians; but find that, in some cases, loans granted to persons *temporarily* placed on the out-door relief list enables them to make a fresh start and "keep off the rates." The Guardians consider that these loans have done great good, and the number of out-door relief cases continues to diminish.

They also insist, as much as possible, that all those whom they help shall send their children to School.

Sir STAFFORD NORTHCOOTE has lately stated his opinion that if there was a competent local administration of charitable funds they could be most advantageously applied to provide *pensions* for worn-out people, and for the families of respectable labourers who have brought them up well but have died young, and many would thus be prevented from becoming paupers.

They hope to be the means of inducing the benevolent to join in granting *pensions* to a few deserving worn-out people, to

whom the Guardians only give a small amount of relief, and who could, with a little aid, keep out of the Workhouse.

The Committee think that it is now advisable to raise a fund which will enable them to extend their work beneficially, by relieving *urgent cases* of distress brought under their notice through the enquiry of their Agent. It often happens that persons who send cases to the office for enquiry are not able sufficiently to relieve them when they are found to be deserving of assistance, and in consequence of delay the distress is prolonged. The Committee propose to keep this fund for the relief of special cases, only to be used when they find there is no other fund available for that purpose, and a separate account will be kept of the expenditure.

The Charity Organization Society now state in their "Weekly Reporter" cases such as those of people who are *maimed*, to enable them to get employment, and also publish warnings as to impostors.

The Charity Agent provides bread for persons who say that they are starving, and this is always eaten on the spot, but he enquires closely before giving it; and every morning the Record of all the vagrants and tramps who slept at the Greenwich Poorhouse the night before is sent to him, so that many undeserving people who have just had a breakfast are thus detected.

Records.

The accompanying summary shows how the Committee have disposed of the 1,513 cases of residents which have been thoroughly enquired into, of which detailed records are kept; all of whom who proved deserving have been helped or referred to the Guardians, or to others who were ready to assist them, those requiring continuous or prolonged support being entirely beyond their province. 1,040 persons have also come to their office during the year asking for food or work, and, after interrogation, 866 have each been supplied with a little bread.

If persons when issuing tickets will write their own number on each, they will find the results of the Agent's enquiry shown in the Records at the office; and if a beggar states that he has not received aid there they are earnestly requested to call and enquire as to the cause. It must also be observed that experience proves that if the tickets are refused by beggars they are probably impostors, and that *all should assist* in making imposture known.

The Committee expect that the expenses of enquiry, &c., for the next twelve months, and for providing bread and grants, as well as for lending £80., will be £130., therefore they hope that the subscriptions will be *increased instead of being allowed to fall off*, for their Collector has only obtained £106. during the year.

Nearly all admit that a better organization of all charitable agencies is required to prevent overlapping, pauperizing, or neglect of those who do not ask for relief, and, in fact, to make arrangements for each to take sole charge of certain cases as far as possible; and it is hoped that the public will not neglect the means of effecting this which have become available.

Some cases having been brought before the Committee, in

which the want of clothing was mentioned as a reason for not keeping children at school, grants and loans have been made, so that clothing has been taken out of pawn or bought for the more destitute; and all those children have gone to school.

The Committee regret that the medical and other gentlemen who lately assembled to promote the establishment of a Provident Dispensary in East Greenwich, although they unanimously approved of this step because it would encourage thrift, often prevent the loss of a day's work caused by going to many places to beg for a Kent Dispensary Letter, and check the spread of disease by getting advice more quickly, have not yet obtained the approval by the medical men of the scale of fees considered the highest which the poor can afford.

The following are specimens of cases decided in 1877-8:—

A blind young sailor came from an Asylum in a destitute state, and, after the Charity Agent had got some clothes for him, was supported by the aid of another Charity Organization Committee and friends, whilst being taught to make ship fenders at the "Workshop for the Blind of Kent," where he is now employed, and is earning 20s. a week, having only been taught for 9 months.

A most respectable person, who had kept a lodging-house in Greenwich for 25 years, having been reduced to destitution by her lodgers cheating her, and being nearly blind, the Committee prepared a circular to enable her friends to collect money to keep her from going to the Workhouse, and more than £6. have been thus obtained for her.

A labourer lost all the fingers of his right-hand whilst using a chaff-cutting machine, which entirely prevented him from following his occupation. The Committee made a small grant to enable him to purchase food during the time he was engaged in procuring a sufficient number of Letters for the Surgical Aid Society, which would entitle him to a mechanical apparatus, the cost of which was £3.; and, at the request of the Charity Agent, he was then taken back to his employment.

The following case shows that the Charity Agents consider carefully how to give even bad characters an opportunity of reformation by removal from among bad companions:—A widow, who had three boys in the Ragged School Refuge, was dismissed by the Committee in 1873 as undeserving, being a drunkard, and afterwards could not get a surety for a loan of £1., but having given up drinking lately, she had a grant of 10s. to aid her to join her son in Canada, at his request, which she has done.

A commercial traveller, with a wife and five small children, reduced in circumstances, stated that if he had £5. he could get employment as a Conductor on the Tramway. The Committee made him a grant of £1., and gave him a note by which he was enabled to obtain the required sum, and he was taken into the employment.

A labourer's child, four years old, having met with an accident so as to be unable to stand upright, a kind of supporting jacket, ordered by the Surgeons, was provided at a cost of £3. 5s., £1. of which was granted by the Committee, and the rest was collected from friends.

A young baker, in reduced circumstances, with a wife and two children, had a loan to commence business for himself: he is doing well and has repaid the loan.

There have been no failures this year in repaying the loans, but the Committee have considered it necessary to remit 3s. 6d. in a case of a man whose health is very bad.

*The ANNUAL MEETING will be held next January.*

A. BUDDS, Hon. SECRETARY.

# STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE INCURRED.

*From September 30, 1877, to October 1, 1878.*

| 1877-8.                                        |     | RECEIPTS. |       | EXPENDITURE.                                   |                  |
|------------------------------------------------|-----|-----------|-------|------------------------------------------------|------------------|
|                                                |     | £.        | s. d. |                                                | £. s. d.         |
| To balance from last Year's Account .....      |     | 18        | 17 0  | By Rent for Four Quarters, Rates and Taxes ... | 35 1 3           |
| " Annual Subscriptions .....                   | 106 | 8 0       |       | " Fuel and Light .....                         | 2 15 0           |
| " Donations.....                               | 20  | 0 0       |       | " Repairs and Fittings .....                   | 1 0 6            |
| " Repayment of Loans .....                     | 72  | 7 6       |       | " Salary .....                                 | 65 0 0           |
| " Received for Special Cases .....             | 11  | 7 6       |       | " Collector's Poundage .....                   | 6 19 6           |
| " Mr. Peek's Fund (for School Board Cases) ... | 3   | 18 6      |       | " Stationery and Office Books.....             | 2 2 0            |
| From Council for Annual Reports.....           |     | 12 0      |       | " Printing .....                               | 6 15 6           |
| Due to Treasurer.....                          | 10  | 4 2       |       | " Ditto for Special Appeal .....               | 2 9 6            |
|                                                |     |           |       | " Postage .....                                | 19 11            |
|                                                |     |           |       | " Incidental Expenses .....                    | 2 8 0            |
|                                                |     |           |       | " Aid by Grants .....                          | 32 1 0           |
|                                                |     |           |       | " Ditto Loans .....                            | 75 0 0           |
|                                                |     |           |       | " Ditto Special Cases .....                    | 11 7 6           |
|                                                |     |           |       |                                                | <u>£243 14 8</u> |

Audited January 7th, 1879, HENRY RICHARDSON.

## GREENWICH CHARITIES AND PROVIDENT AGENCIES, 1877-8.

| TITLE.                            | LOCALITY.                                             | Approximate Annual Expenditure. | OBJECT.                                                                      |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| District Visitors' Society ...    | St. Alphege                                           | £                               | Aid to Sick and Widows.                                                      |
| ditto ...                         | Holy Trinity                                          | 205                             | Ditto                                                                        |
| ditto ...                         | St. John's                                            | 106                             | Ditto                                                                        |
| ditto ...                         | Christchurch                                          | 110                             | Ditto                                                                        |
| ditto ...                         | St. Peter's                                           | 70                              | Ditto                                                                        |
| ditto ...                         | St. Paul's ...                                        | 90                              | Ditto                                                                        |
| Provident and Relief Society      | Presbyterian Church                                   | 87                              | Ditto                                                                        |
| Relief Society ...                | Congregational Church, Maze Hill                      | 140                             | Ditto                                                                        |
| Society of St. Vincent de Paul    | Connected with the Roman Catholic Church, Crooms Hill | 25                              | Ditto                                                                        |
| Royal Kent Dispensary ...         | Greenwich Road                                        | 52                              | Medical Relief for the whole Borough.                                        |
| Seamen's Hospital...              | King Street                                           | 1329                            | Seamen of all nations and local cases, £1300, being expended on local cases. |
| Soup Kitchen ...                  | Roan Street                                           | 54                              | Soup for the Poor in Jan., Feb., and Mar.                                    |
| Queen Elizabeth's College         | Greenwich Road                                        | .....                           | Alms-houses for 18 Old Couples and two Spinsters from Greenwich.             |
| Trinity Hospital (Greenwich part) | East Greenwich                                        | 1600                            | Rooms for 12 Bachelors and Widowers above 56.                                |
| Jubilee Alms-houses               | Greenwich Road                                        | 340                             | Rooms for 18 Widows and 2 Spinsters above 60.                                |
| Blue-coat School ...              | Royal Hill                                            | 400                             | Industrial Education for 20 Girls.                                           |
| Temporary Refuge for Women        | 14, Prior Street                                      | 226                             | Work for Fallen and Friendless Women.                                        |
| Hatcliffe's Alms-houses           | Creed Place                                           | 328                             | Rooms for 8 Poor Women, & £2. pensions.                                      |
| Boys' Refuge at Ragged School     | Old Woolwich Road                                     | 72                              | 6 Destitute Boys (supported by their own labour).                            |
| Female Servants' Industrial Home  | Greenwich Road                                        | 245                             | Industrial Teaching for Women.                                               |
| Gifts of deceased Benefactors     | By the Vicar and Churchwardens of St. Alphege         | 221                             | } Pensions of £10. and £15. each.                                            |
| Massinger's Charity               | By Trustees                                           | 44                              |                                                                              |

N.B.—There are Provident Clubs connected with these Societies, which provide Bonuses for Depositors. There are other similar Agencies, but those who manage them state that they are not of much importance.

## SUMMARY OF CASES BROUGHT BEFORE THE GREENWICH COMMITTEE.

|                                    | Vagrants. | Referred to other<br>(Committees. | Discharged as un-<br>favourably reported<br>and as |                                                                  | Recommend-<br>ed to                                        |         |        | Assisted by |                                               |         |        | Total Cases. | Enquiries for other<br>Committees. | Reports sent out. | Expenditure.      |                    | Remarks.                                                    |
|------------------------------------|-----------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|---------|--------|-------------|-----------------------------------------------|---------|--------|--------------|------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                    |           |                                   | Not requiring<br>Relief.                           | Undergoing.<br>(Laws for Poor<br>Law, or other<br>institutions.) | The Guardians.<br>Local Agencies<br>or<br>Private Persons. | Grants. | Loans. | Employment. | Letters for<br>Institutions and<br>Hospitals. | Grants. | Loans. |              |                                    |                   |                   |                    |                                                             |
| From July 21st to Sept. 30th, 1871 | 34        | 5                                 | 2                                                  | 7                                                                | 15                                                         | 21      | 3      | 1           | 9                                             | 3       | 5      | ...          | ...                                | ...               | £. s. d.<br>4 7 7 | £. s. d.<br>2 10 0 |                                                             |
| Year ending Sept. 30th, 1872       | 780       | 14                                | 23                                                 | 16                                                               | 46                                                         | 70      | 6      | 2           | 30                                            | 108     | 27     | 1            | 1190                               | ...               | 11 12 6           | 38 11 0            |                                                             |
| Ditto ditto 1873                   | 1480      | 4                                 | 45                                                 | 7                                                                | 44                                                         | 38      | 14     | 4           | 30                                            | 132     | 29     | 1            | 1889                               | ...               | 15 13 5           | 115 12 0           |                                                             |
| Ditto ditto 1874                   | 1150      | 2                                 | 26                                                 | 18                                                               | 77                                                         | 22      | 2      | 1           | 29                                            | 140     | 19     | 7            | 1506                               | ...               | 20 3 2            | 135 17 0           |                                                             |
| Ditto ditto 1875                   | 526       | 2                                 | 26                                                 | 10                                                               | 81                                                         | 9       | 11     | 5           | 30                                            | 126     | 9      | 13           | 963                                | 45                | 14 6 4            | 117 12 6           |                                                             |
| Ditto ditto 1876                   | 674       | 4                                 | 51                                                 | 13                                                               | 81                                                         | 12      | 32     | 4           | 53                                            | 107     | 11     | 54           | 1091                               | 194               | 25 7 5            | 105 2 0            |                                                             |
| Ditto ditto 1877                   | 831       | ...                               | 18                                                 | 11                                                               | 49                                                         | 12      | 23     | 24          | 72                                            | 79      | 6      | 57           | 1182                               | 114               | 36 13 7           | 78 0 0             | The number of<br>persons supplied<br>with Bread was<br>896. |
| Ditto ditto 1878                   | 1040      | 2                                 | 20                                                 | 4                                                                | 46                                                         | 4       | 2      | 8           | 54                                            | 68      | 3      | 70           | 1318                               | 80                | 32 4 0            | 75 0 0             |                                                             |
| TOTAL.....                         | 4515      | 33                                | 221                                                | 86                                                               | 439                                                        | 188     | 93     | 40          | 306                                           | 763     | 109    | 208          | 8633                               | 433               | 146 7 0           | 716 4 6            |                                                             |

## OCCUPATIONS OF RESIDENT APPLICANTS.

|                         |    |                                |    |                   |   |                                |     |
|-------------------------|----|--------------------------------|----|-------------------|---|--------------------------------|-----|
| Bakers .....            | 3  | Dressmakers .....              | 2  | Needlewomen ..... | 4 | Wire Workers .....             | 3   |
| Boiler Makers .....     | 3  | Engine Fitters .....           | 3  | Painters .....    | 5 | Wood Choppers .....            | 2   |
| Bricklayers .....       | 3  | Fishermen .....                | 4  | Scamers .....     | 3 | Other classes with only 1 each | 77  |
| Butchers .....          | 4  | Hacking Carriage Drivers ..... | 2  | Shipwrights ..... | 2 | Total .....                    | 979 |
| Carpenters .....        | 4  | Iron Moulders .....            | 2  | Shoemakers .....  | 5 | Of whom were assisted...       | 136 |
| Charwomen .....         | 13 | Labourers .....                | 97 | Sunbaths .....    | 2 | Being a larger proportion      |     |
| Confectioners .....     | 16 | Laundresses .....              | 8  | Washerwomen ..... | 7 | than last year.                |     |
| Domestic Servants ..... | 4  | Lodging-house Keepers .....    | 5  | Watermen .....    | 4 |                                |     |

SOCIETY FOR  
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## The Objects of the Society

For Organising Charitable Relief and Repressing Mendicity may be stated in the following terms:--

I. To bring into harmonious co-operation with each other and with the Poor-law authorities, the various charitable agencies and individuals in the district, and thus effectually to check the evils of "overlapping" relief caused by simultaneous but independent action.

II. To investigate thoroughly the cases of all applicants for charitable relief, wherever they are referred to the offices for enquiry and report, or whether they apply of their own accord.

III. To place gratuitously at the disposal of all charitable agencies and private persons the investigating machinery of the Committees of the Society, and to send to persons having a legitimate interest in cases, full report of the result of the investigations made.

IV. To obtain from the proper charities, or from charitable individuals, suitable and adequate relief for deserving cases.

V. To assist from its own funds, and as far as possible in the form of loans, all suitable cases for which adequate assistance cannot be obtained from other sources.

VI. To repress mendicity by the above means, by the gratuitous distribution of Investigating Tickets, and by the prosecution of imposters.

VII. To afford to the public at large information regarding the objects and mode of work of existing charities.

VIII. To promote, as far as possible, the general welfare of the poor by means of social and sanitary reforms, and by the inculcation of habits of providence and self-dependence.

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The Office at St. John's Mission Hall, King Street, Broadway, is open daily from 10 to 12, and from 2 to 4 (except on Saturday, when it is open from 10 to 12 only), where vagrants (if not known as habitual Mendicants) are relieved with bread, and the cases of all resident Applicants are entered for enquiry, to be subsequently decided upon by the Sub-Committee meeting every Tuesday Evening for that purpose. In cases of urgency the Charity Officer is empowered to grant immediate assistance pending the meeting of the Sub-Committee.

## REPORT.



THE Deptford Committee of the CHARITY ORGANISATION SOCIETY in presenting their Ninth Annual report to their subscribers and other inhabitants of the district desire to express their thanks for the support they have received.

The total number of cases treated this year is somewhat less than last year. The difference is almost entirely accounted for by a diminution of about 30 per cent. in the number of cases of vagrancy. The decrease in the number of vagrants applying for relief is a source of great satisfaction. It implies that habitual vagrancy is not now so profitable a calling as it used to be, and the Committee takes to itself the credit of having largely contributed to this result.

The number of deserving cases of distress which have been relieved by grants has largely increased and the amount expended in this way is much in excess of what it was last year. This is partly explained by a better co-operation on the part of the

clergy, which has resulted in very many fitting cases for relief being sent to the Committee, and partly by the depressed condition of trade, which is beginning to have a very serious effect on many of the poor in this district. Special efforts have been made during the year to extend the sphere of the Society's usefulness. It has long been thought that the formation of a Sub-Committee of lady workers would be a great gain to the Society. A step in this direction has been taken by the election of Miss Gladstone as a member of the Committee. Her great experience of the poor of a very large district, has made her a most welcome addition to the Committee, and it is hoped that before long, other ladies will be associated with her.

Monthly lists are now sent to each clergyman in the neighbourhood of all the cases from his own parish, which have come under the notice of the Committee. It is well known that many of the poor, when applying for relief in one quarter, designedly conceal the fact that they are being relieved elsewhere, and thus there is often a great overlapping in charitable work. By keeping the clergy constantly informed of the names of applicants to this Society, the Committee hope that this evil may be mitigated.

One of the professed aims of this Society is to promote the general welfare of the poor, by means of social reforms, and the inculcation of habits of

providence and self-dependence. With this object in view a Sub-Committee was formed to make enquiries and report as to the expediency of forming a Provident Dispensary in this neighbourhood. The Committee reported favourably on the proposal and expressed a unanimous opinion that such an institution would have a most beneficial effect on the district, by fostering the spirit of thrift and independence.

This has resulted in the establishment of the Deptford and New Cross Provident Dispensary, which is being well supported, and has commenced its work in a way which has brought much encouragement to its promoters. There is every prospect of a prosperous and useful future before it, and the Committee believe, that it will have an ever increasing influence for good on the moral and social welfare of the poor in this neighbourhood.

The question of Coffee Public Houses has also been raised, and it is probable that before long there will be opened in the thickest part of this district, one which by offering a counter attraction to the gin palace, will, it is hoped, tend to lessen the curse of drunkenness.

Some disappointment is sometimes expressed by subscribers at the refusal of relief in certain cases. It is unfortunately beyond the power of this Committee, as it is also beyond its province to deal with

cases of chronic poverty, cases in which the applicants have no means of subsistence, and no probability of ever being able by their own exertions to ameliorate their condition. Such cases are always properly referred to the Guardians, while, on the other hand, the Committee are always ready to assist, as far as their means will allow, deserving cases in which the applicants, either through sickness or some other unavoidable cause, are brought to temporary want.

Assistance is rendered until the applicants can resume work, and they are thus saved from breaking up their homes, sinking to a condition of absolute poverty, and becoming a burden on the parish rates.

While there can be no doubt that the true objects of the Society's work are daily becoming better known and appreciated, yet it is still a matter of regret to the Committee that they occasionally meet with want of sympathy. They cannot help feeling that this entirely arises from misunderstanding as to the nature of the work undertaken, and the limited means placed at their disposal. The records of all the cases treated are always open to inspection, and the Committee earnestly invites each inhabitant of this district to attend any one of the Tuesday Evening Sub-Committee Meetings, and to see for himself what is done, feeling confident that he will carry away with him the conviction that a good and useful work is being carried out, and one that must commend itself to all who care for the alleviation

of the miseries and the improvement of the social condition of the poor.

The Committee earnestly entreat householders to refrain from giving relief to any applicant without previous reference to this Society as to the genuineness of the case. They cheerfully investigate and send immediate report on any case referred to them. The indiscriminate giving of a penny now and then to a beggar defeats the very object for which the Committee labours and tends to perpetrate that systematic vagrancy which all desire to discourage. A freer use of the Society's investigation tickets is recommended. No case referred in this way to the Committee is ever refused consideration. It is often said that the tickets are useless: that beggars refuse them. The very refusal convicts the person to whom a ticket is offered as an imposter, however specious and heartrending his story may be. Surely that is a perfect system which enables you to say "Take this ticket. If you are undeserving you will get nothing, but if you are really deserving and in want you will be relieved far more efficiently and permanently than I can help you by giving you money."

The smallness of the balance in hand at the present time, which is less than half what it was at this time last year, gives the Committee grave cause for anxiety. Considerable distress is anticipated during the coming winter, and funds are urgently required to



meet the many serious cases which are now beginning to be brought to the notice of the Committee. It is hoped that assistance will be forthcoming and that many more subscribers will lend a helping hand when the Society's Collector, Mr. T. B. Cousens, makes his call in a short time after the issuing of this report.

The Committee have, with the deepest regret, to record the death of their late much esteemed charity agent and fellow-worker, Serjeant Lock. For eight years he had laboured hard and patiently in the Society's work. By his death the poor have lost a sympathising friend, and the Committee a zealous and valued servant.

In the choice of Mr. T. B. Cousens, as Serjeant Lock's successor, the Committee believe that they have secured the services of an able and active agent, and one who has the interests of the Society at heart.

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| DEANSTON CARPMAEL,<br>CARLTON J. LAMBERT,<br>G. G. HUNT, | } | <i>Hon. Secs.</i> |
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8th November, 1878.

**SPECIMEN CASES DEALT WITH BY THE COMMITTEE  
BETWEEN OCTOBER 1st, 1877, AND SEPTEMBER  
30th, 1878.**

**(CASE 841.) ASSISTED BY LETTER FOR HOSPITAL.**

E. H. Single, unable to obtain a situation on account of Epileptic fits, and was advised to become an in-patient of a Hospital. Letter for the Epileptic Hospital, Queen's Square, was obtained for her through the Central Office of the Society.

**(CASE 751.) ASSISTED BY EMPLOYMENT.**

H. W. Builder's labourer, applied for assistance to clothe his children for School, unable to do so from want of work. The Committee obtained work for him.

**(CASE 843.) ASSISTED BY GRANT, LOAN, AND EMPLOYMENT.**

John Maloney, aged 78, pensioner of the 73rd Regiment, lost all his effects in a flood of the Thames, and wants tools to start boot making, &c. Claims to have saved the life of the Queen when an infant. The Committee have assisted him with a loan to buy tools, &c., and he is now earning a living by his trade. They are also advising him in the prosecution of his petition for a Royal Bounty, or otherwise, for his alleged exploit in 1822.

**(CASE 816.) ASSISTED BY GRANT AND LOAN, RECOMMENDED  
TO PRIVATE PERSONS, AND EMPLOYMENT OBTAINED.**

D. S. Aged 69. Had been a Watchmaker, in good business formerly, but ruined by others' default. Assisted by private persons with clothes and work, and by the Committee with a loan to buy tools. Has since obtained regular work and is now getting his own living.

**(CASE 770.) ASSISTED BY GRANT AND EMPLOYMENT  
OBTAINED.**

J. S. Labourer, formerly in flourishing circumstances as a dairy farmer, &c., but lost his stock from cattle disease. Came up to London to work as a gardener, but obtained other work and has been in the same situation for ten years. Now in the hospital. The Committee assisted this case during six weeks; obtained a situation for a daughter, and redeemed her clothes,

and also redeemed clothes for a son to enable him to take a situation in the same employment as his father. The latter recovered, and returned to work, and the wife came and thanked the Committee, and said it had saved her and her family from ruin.

(CASE 840.) ASSISTED BY GRANT, &c.

B. M. Tailoress, married, was begging in the streets and was sent to this office. Her husband was in the habit of illtreating her, and taking her earnings. She was anxious to be separated from him, and he agreed to let her go with the baby. She obtained a situation at her old employers in London, and the Committee assisted her by redeeming her clothes, and otherwise to get away. It may be added that the Police Magistrate was consulted in this case, and agreed with the course proposed, before it was adopted.

(CASE 762.) DISMISSED UNDESERVING.

A. M. Labourer, applied for boots for two children. It appeared on enquiry that he is a lazy fellow, discharged from his place for skulking work, fond of drink, and has been to prison for theft.

(CASE 712.) NOT REQUIRING RELIEF.

S. H. Applied for clothes for three children. States that he has been out of regular work for three months, and cannot get the children food, much less boots. On enquiry however it transpired that applicant was a dog fancier, and in the habit of running dogs for wagers nearly every Sunday morning, had been turned out of his house two or three times for non-payment of rent, and had been summoned various times, and on the last occasion for selling beer on Sunday morning on unlicensed premises; he was fined £10, *which he paid*.

(CASE 817.) INQUIRIES FOR OTHER COMMITTEES.

Mrs. J. Widow of an Artist, anxious to obtain about £60 to pay off debts. From inquiries made to this Committee from other District Committees of the Society, it appears the applicant has a lodger who sends round pathetic appeals (to ladies of title principally) for pecuniary assistance for the applicant. This lodger has no apparent means of subsistence; and three gentlemen who at one time allowed their names to be used as referees, have since withdrawn their permission. Further information can be confidentially afforded in this case, if desired.

I.—TABULAR STATEMENT OF CASES DEALT WITH  
BY THE COMMITTEE BETWEEN OCTOBER 1st,  
1877, AND SEPTEMBER 30th, 1878.

CLASS I.—DISMISSED, OR UNFAVOURABLY REPORTED ON, AS—

|                                                    |      |
|----------------------------------------------------|------|
| 1. Not requiring relief ... ..                     | 24   |
| 2. Undeserving ... ..                              | 19   |
| 3. Cases for Poor-Law, or otherwise ineligible ... | 32   |
| Total ... ..                                       | — 75 |

CLASS II.—RECOMMENDED TO—

|                                          |      |
|------------------------------------------|------|
| 1. The Guardians ... ..                  | 8    |
| 2. Institutions or Local Agencies ... .. | 5    |
| 3. Private Persons ... ..                | 24   |
| Total ... ..                             | — 37 |

CLASS III.—ASSISTED BY—

|                                      |      |
|--------------------------------------|------|
| 1. Grants... ..                      | 64   |
| 2. Loans ... ..                      | 10   |
| 3. Employment ... ..                 | 6    |
| 4. Letters for Hospitals, &c. ... .. | 2    |
| Total ... ..                         | — 82 |

|                    |     |
|--------------------|-----|
| Grand Total ... .. | 194 |
|--------------------|-----|

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|---------------------------------------|-----|
| Reports sent out ... ..               | 88  |
| Inquiries for other Committees ... .. | 76  |
| Vagrants dealt with ... ..            | 153 |

## LOCAL CHARITIES.

| In connection with                 | Title of Charity.           | OBJECTS.                                                                                                                                    |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| St. Paul's and St. Nicholas'       | John Addey's Charity        | Distributed annually in December to 100, poor parishioners, in sums of 40s. each.                                                           |
| St. Paul's                         | Certain Endowed Charity     | Distributed in money, coals, and bread, chiefly by Church-wardens                                                                           |
| Ditto                              | District Visiting Societies | Visitations of poor with occasional relief only                                                                                             |
| Ditto                              | Maternity Society           | Loan of Linen                                                                                                                               |
| Ditto                              | Blanket Charity             | Loan of blankets                                                                                                                            |
| Ditto                              | Provident Society           | The encouragement of providence and self-respect among the poor, by collecting and holding their savings without payment of interest        |
| Ditto                              | Ladies' Working Society     | Collecting, &c.                                                                                                                             |
| St. Nicholas'                      | Evelyn's Charity            | Making-up of clothing, linen, &c., for sale at cost price to members of Provident Society, expenses of starting Society with materials, &c. |
| Ditto                              | Various Endowed Charities   | Distributed to poor widows, in weekly sums of 2s. each                                                                                      |
| All Saints', Hatcham               | District Visiting Society   | Distributed in bread, coals, &c.                                                                                                            |
| Ditto                              | Dorcas Society              | Visitations and relief of the poor                                                                                                          |
| Brockley Road Chapel               | Lord's Supper Fund          | Making up and sale of clothing at reduced prices                                                                                            |
| Ditto                              | Dorcas Society              | Visitation and relief of the poor                                                                                                           |
| Ditto                              | Blanket Society             | Making up and sale of clothing at reduced prices                                                                                            |
| Congregational Church, High Street | Sick Man's Friend Society   | Loan of blankets                                                                                                                            |
| Ditto                              | Ladies' Benevolent Fund     | Visitation and relief of the poor of all denominations                                                                                      |
|                                    |                             | Making up and sale of clothing at reduced prices                                                                                            |

| Congregational Church, Lewisham High Road                           | Clothing and Infants' Friend Society- | To assist poor women in their confinements, by a loan of linen and girts of babies' clothes; also the making up and sale of clothing at reduced prices |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Ditto                                                               | Communion Fund                        | Relief of the Poor members of the Church                                                                                                               |
| Ditto                                                               | Christian Instruction Society         | Visitation of the Poor, primarily for spiritual instruction, but with occasional temporal relief                                                       |
| Ditto                                                               | Blanket Society                       | Loan of blankets                                                                                                                                       |
| St. James', Hatcham                                                 | District Visiting Society             | Visitation and relief of the poor                                                                                                                      |
| Ditto                                                               | Maternity Society                     | Loan of baby linen, &c.                                                                                                                                |
| Ditto                                                               | Clothing Club                         | Making up and sale of clothing at reduced prices                                                                                                       |
| Ditto                                                               | Blanket Society                       | Loan of blankets                                                                                                                                       |
| St. John's, Lewisham High Road, and Mission Hall, King Street       | District Visiting Society-            | Visitation and relief of the poor, loan of blankets, &c.                                                                                               |
| Ditto                                                               | Clothing Fund                         | Making up and sale of clothing at reduced prices                                                                                                       |
| Ditto                                                               | Blanket Society                       | Loan of blankets                                                                                                                                       |
| St. Luke's, Lower Road                                              | Band of Church Helpers                | Visitation and relief of the poor                                                                                                                      |
| The Industrial Home and Refuge for Destitute Boys, 112, High Street |                                       | Maintenance and training of destitute boys                                                                                                             |
| St. Vincent's Certificate Industrial School for Roman Catholic Boys |                                       | Training of neglected boys                                                                                                                             |
| Deptford and New Cross Provident Dispensary, 472, New Cross Road.   |                                       |                                                                                                                                                        |

The Committee have used every endeavour to make this a complete list of Charities of the District, and will be glad to receive the requisite particulars concerning any which may have been omitted, for insertion in the next Report.

From 1st October, 1877, to 30th September, 1878.

**October 8th, 1878.**

**Examined and found correct,**

W. B. HIGHAM,  
THOS. S. OBORN } *Auditors.*

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## GENERAL RULES.

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1. That the Committee be constituted, as far as possible, in the following manner :—

One Representative from each Charitable Agency and Metropolitan Relief Society working in the District.

One Representative from each Church, Chapel, or other place of worship in the District (not otherwise represented).

Two or more Representatives from the Board of Poor Law Guardians ; and

Other persons able and willing to help.

2. That all cases properly belonging to the Poor Law be at once referred to the Guardians, and that the Committee do not supplement the relief given by the Guardians, except under special circumstances.

3. That, excepting in the case of houseless persons, the Committee only deal with persons resident in the Union and refer other applicants to agencies in their own districts.

4. That all cases that can appropriately be dealt with by any existing Charity within the Union be, after due investigation, referred to such Charity, and that assistance be only granted by the Committee in such cases as cannot be properly dealt with by any other agency.

5. That information regarding the scope and operations of the charities of the District be collected and kept at the Office for the information of residents, and that the books of the Committee be at all times open to those legitimately interested in particular cases or in the welfare of the poor generally.

The objects of the Committee are more explicitly set forth in the papers of the Charity Organisation Society, which may be had on application at the Office.

The Committee request that all who are able to assist in finding employment of any kind will place themselves in communication with them. They will be glad to receive the names of persons willing to visit the poor, serve on the Committee, &c.

With regard to money relief, it is not desired to induce contributors to local charities to transfer their subscriptions to the Committee, but to those persons who have no settled plan of dispersing local charity, the Committee offer a trustworthy channel through which their bounty may be distributed.

The Charity Agent has discretionary power to give bread to be eaten at the Office, to those mendicants who seem to require it ; and the police will be called upon to arrest all incorrigible beggars.

## REPORT.

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The Committee have to regret the departure of Rev. J. White from Woolwich, and the death of Mr. J. B. Bayly, both of whom were active workers for the Society.

The Balance Sheet shows the usual disproportion between the cost of the machinery and the amount expended in actual relief. It must, however, be constantly borne in mind:—1st. That the cost of machinery is not in itself large; it is of the utmost importance to have an intelligent and active agent to investigate thoroughly all cases sent to the Office. This the Committee have secured, but at a salary in advance of former years. Two gentlemen in London have promised to renew their liberal contribution for this purpose for one year more.

2nd. The Society does a great deal of work, which it is impossible to show on a balance sheet; for instance, the investigation of an undeserving case often takes as much time and involves as much expense as a deserving one; enquiries for other Charitable Societies and other branches of the Charity Organisation Society form part of the Office work. Several investigations have been made for the Boys' Home opened last March in Beresford Street, and the Committee are also instrumental in procuring hospital letters for the sick, and work for those who need it, besides investigating cases of distress sent by the School Board and relieved by Mr. Peek's Fund.

3rd. It will be noticed that a sum of about ten guineas was raised to meet special cases. It is here that the remedy will be found for the apparent weakness involved in the large cost of machinery. If a few charitable persons would place at our disposal the amount which they annually bestow on applicants for charity of whom they know next to nothing, our work would be more valuable than it can possibly be at present.

All who desire to *relieve* the case which they send for investigation should put their name or initials at the back of the ticket. One subscriber has placed £5 at our disposal for the ensuing year, and the Committee desire to urge the great need of other donations of this kind.

The Branch Office on Shooters' Hill was abandoned at Christmas; it was found almost impossible to secure the services of a person competent to deal with the numerous tramps along the Dover Road. Many of these really required no help, and by the laws they can obtain food at the nearest Parochial Office.

*A separate Fund is now being started for Loans, without interest, on suitable security. Subscribers are asked to give to this as well as to the General Fund.*

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## APPENDIX.

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### I.—TABULAR STATEMENT OF CASES DEALT WITH BY THE COMMITTEE BETWEEN OCTOBER 1<sup>ST</sup> 1877, AND SEPTEMBER 30<sup>TH</sup>, 1878.

#### CLASS I.—DISMISSED, OR UNFAVOURABLY REPORTED ON, AS—

|                                                |     |
|------------------------------------------------|-----|
| 1. Not requiring relief - . . . . .            | 61  |
| 2. Undeserving - . . . . .                     | 22  |
| 3. Cases for Poor-Law, or otherwise ineligible | 38  |
| Total - . . . . .                              | 121 |

#### CLASS II.—RECOMMENDED TO—

|                                               |    |
|-----------------------------------------------|----|
| 1. Institutions or Local Agencies - . . . . . | 35 |
| 2. Private Persons - . . . . .                | 25 |
| Total - . . . . .                             | 60 |

#### CLASS III.—ASSISTED BY—

|                                           |     |
|-------------------------------------------|-----|
| 1. Grants - . . . . .                     | 36  |
| 2. Loans - . . . . .                      | 14  |
| 3. Employment - . . . . .                 | 50  |
| 4. Letters for Hospitals, &c. - . . . . . | 7   |
| Total - . . . . .                         | 107 |

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Grand Total - 288

Vagrants dealt with - . . . . . 1224

*\*\*\* The usual applicants are Labourers, Needlewomen,  
Laundresses, &c.*

## REPRESENTATIVE CASES.

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### CLASS I.—DISMISSED AS INELIGIBLE, UNDESERVING, NOT REQUIRING RELIEF, &c.

A. 491. A man applied for a pedlar's license and his fare to Hastings, where he had a brother, and money to purchase some stock. It was found that, though he had a numerous family, most of the members of it were earning fair wages and were in a position to supply what he required.

A. 383. A man asked for an elastic stocking. He was found to be a person of considerable property in houses, and in constant employment.

### CLASS II.—RECOMMENDED TO LOCAL INSTITUTIONS, GUARDIANS, AND PRIVATE PERSONS.

A. 302. A schoolmistress, widow, with one child, required help to redeem her clothes from pawn. Her character was not altogether satisfactory, but, after some time, an excellent situation was procured for her and fifty shillings was raised to get her an outfit.

A. 332. This was a case sent by the School Board Officer and relieved from Mr. Peek's Fund provided for that purpose. A woman whose husband had left her, asked for a mangle to support herself and two children, and also for clothing to enable her children to attend school. A mangle was secured for her at a cost of 50s. and £1 given for clothes. This is an instance of the kind of relief that the Society wishes to afford, it being of a permanent character and not a mere dole. The woman is now doing very well.

A. 288. The application was for 5s. to purchase shoes for his boy by a labourer, aged 40, with a large family. He had lost an arm, and was subject to fits of mania which necessitated his being confined at intervals. In his then state of health it seemed impossible to do anything for him; and, as he was in receipt of regular Parish relief, it was thought best to refer the case to the Poor Law. Later on, when he was better, the Society granted a loan of £1 to stock his barrow, and he did well through the summer.

## CLASS III.—ASSISTED BY GRANTS, LOANS, &amp;c.

A. 458. A labourer, 32, with wife and two children, who had had constant sickness for some weeks, and was much reduced in circumstances. His character was excellent, and he had work promised on his recovery; when visited he was found in a deplorable state. Two blankets were bought for him and his case recommended to the District Visitor of his Parish.

A. 459. A widow, with one child to support, asked for furniture for a room, where she might take in washing. There was a little doubt as to her character; her conduct was watched for a month, and on the expiration of that term, the Committee granted her £1.

## LOANS.

A. 356. A young man, aged 23, with wife and two children, applied for a loan to pay for son's admission to Children's Orthopædic Hospital. The fee required was £10, of which he had himself raised £4. On good security being obtained, the loan was given him, *without interest*, according to the rules of the Society.

Several applicants for work have had places as servants obtained for them, and others were referred as agents to an Assurance Society in London, and given a fair trial. Some found this a most useful reference.



## LOCAL CHARITIES.

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### S. MARY'S PAROCHIAL COUNCIL.

The alms of the congregation and any other funds placed at the disposal of the Rector, for the relief of the Poor, are now distributed by a Committee of Laymen, together with the Clergy. The Committee meet weekly. Small pensions are granted to really deserving aged people, as far as the funds will allow. Applications from persons out of work are sent to the C.O. Society for investigation.

**TEMPORARY HOME FOR FALLEN WOMEN**, 10, Wood Street, Woolwich—Superintendent, Miss Clayton.

**WOOLWICH DISPENSARY**—Supported by Voluntary Contributions. Tickets can be obtained from any subscriber.

**WOOLWICH SOUP SOCIETY**—(Secretary, Mr. A. T. Raynes, 87, Powis Street.) For the distribution of soup and bread to the Poor, during the winter months, twice a week. Supported by voluntary contributions, which entitle donors to a supply of tickets.

**ROYAL ARTILLERY REGIMENTAL CHARITY**—Hon. Secretary, Col. Oldfield, B.A., 2, Woodland Villas, Brookhill Park.

The money for this charity is subscribed by the officers of the Royal Artillery for the following objects:—

1.—For the relief of deserving men, or the families of deserving men of the Royal Artillery.

2.—For the relief of the families of men, left behind on the embarkation of the husband, and sending the families to their parishes.

3.—For the relief of widows, of proved sober and respectable habits.

**CONVALESCENT HOME FOR CHILDREN**, Shrewsbury Lane, Shooter's Hill. Lady Superintendent, Miss Millar. Children admitted on Doctor's Certificate, for £1 per month. Boys, 3 to 10; girls, 3 to 14 years of age.

**ST. SAVIOUR'S BOYS' HOME AND INFANT DAY NURSERY (CRÈCHE)**, Beresford Street. Opened last March. The object of the latter is to enable parents to place their infants in charge of good nurses at a reasonable rate, while they are at their work; while the Boys' Home provides a home and education in trade, &c., to orphan or neglected children.





## PLUMSTEAD PAROCHIAL CHARITIES.

| Date. | Benefactor.         | Distributor.                             | Object.                                                     | Stock.                                          | Amount.             | Yearly Dividend.  |
|-------|---------------------|------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| 1823  | REV. H. KEPLING     | Minister, Church-wardens, and Overseers. | To support Sunday Schools.                                  | 3 per cent. Consols                             | £ s. d.<br>582 10 6 | £ s. d.<br>17 9 6 |
| 1862  | J. T. ROPER, ESQ.   | Minister and Churchwardens               | To repair his Monument, and surplus to repair Parish Church | Ditto                                           | 500 0 0             | 15 0 0            |
| 1611  | JEFFREY SMITH, ESQ. | Churchwardens and Overseers              | To be distributed in Bread                                  | 3 per cent. Consols                             | 67 0 0              | 2 0 1             |
| 1677  | MRS. HANNAH SCOTT   | Ditto                                    | Ditto                                                       | New 3 per cent. Annuities.                      | 1015 18 4           | 30 9 6            |
| 1699  | JOHN COSSAGE, ESQ.  | Minister and Churchwardens               | Ditto                                                       | Amount charged on land of St. Thomas's Hospital |                     | 2 12 0            |

# Statement of Receipts and Expenditure of the Woolwich Charity Organisation Society, For the Year ending 30th September, 1878.

| RECEIPTS.                                               |     | £      | s.  | d.                | EXPENDITURE.            |     | £   | s.  | d.                |
|---------------------------------------------------------|-----|--------|-----|-------------------|-------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-------------------|
| Balance in hand                                         | ... | ...    | ... | 5 17 4½           | Liabilities, 1877...    | ... | ... | ... | 20 18 0           |
| Subscriptions                                           | ... | ...    | ... | 115 5 0           | Rent                    | ... | ... | ... | 13 10 0           |
| Donations                                               | ... | ...    | ... | ...               | Fuel and Light          | ... | ... | ... | 2 9 2             |
| Do. Messrs. Fuller & Grosvenor, to-wards Agent's Salary | ... | 27 5 9 | ... | 47 5 9            | Special Cases           | ... | ... | ... | 10 8 0            |
| Special Donation for relief of cases...                 | ... | 20 0 0 | ... | ...               | Repairs                 | ... | ... | ... | 3 4 9½            |
| School Board                                            | ... | ...    | ... | 10 8 0            | Agent's Salary          | ... | ... | ... | 87 10 0           |
| Loans (retd)                                            | ... | ...    | ... | 29 4 9            | Messenger               | ... | ... | ... | 11 17 0           |
| Grant from Central Office                               | ... | ...    | ... | 29 17 0           | Stationery and Printing | ... | ... | ... | 3 17 1            |
| Per Mr. Pryce                                           | ... | ...    | ... | 10 0 0            | Stamps                  | ... | ... | ... | 5 8 5             |
| School Board                                            | ... | ...    | ... | 1 18 0            | Incidentals             | ... | ... | ... | 0 14 1            |
| Due to Committee                                        | ... | ...    | ... | 8 16 8            | Loans                   | ... | ... | ... | 27 10 0           |
| Due to Tradesmen, School Board Cases                    | ... | ...    | ... | 6 9 0             | School Board Cases      | ... | ... | ... | 38 1 5            |
| Expenditure in excess                                   | ... | ...    | ... | 5 10 0            | Bread given to Tramps   | ... | ... | ... | 11 13 9           |
|                                                         |     |        |     | 0 3 6             | Grants                  | ... | ... | ... | 23 10 9           |
|                                                         |     |        |     |                   | Commission              | ... | ... | ... | 4 14 6            |
|                                                         |     |        |     |                   | Balance in hand...      | ... | ... | ... | 5 8 1             |
|                                                         |     |        |     | <u>£270 15 0½</u> |                         |     |     |     | <u>£270 15 0½</u> |

## Liabilities for the Half-year ending 30th September, 1878.

| LIA BILITIES. |     | £   | s.  | d.             | ASSETS.                      |     | £   | s.  | d.             |
|---------------|-----|-----|-----|----------------|------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|----------------|
| Liabilities   | ... | ... | ... | 29 16 6        | In hand                      | ... | ... | ... | 5 8 1          |
| Balance       | ... | ... | ... | 5 12 3         | Due from School Board        | ... | ... | ... | 8 16 8         |
|               |     |     |     |                | Due on Loans, 1877, and 1878 | ... | ... | ... | 12 1 0         |
|               |     |     |     |                | Estimated value of old Loans | ... | ... | ... | 9 3 0          |
|               |     |     |     | <u>£35 8 0</u> |                              |     |     |     | <u>£35 8 9</u> |

Examined and approved,

JOHN KETTLE PAINE, Hon. Treasurer.  
EDWARD SPOUSE, Auditor, 19, Nightingale Vale, Woolwich.

# Society for Organising Charitable Relief and Repressing Mendicancy.

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## REPORT 1877-8.

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WHAT does Charity Organisation mean?

The word Charity means a great deal. It reminds us—here in London alone, and not reckoning the almsgiving of the Clergy and of private individuals—of something like a thousand agencies engaged in providing help in some form or other for those that are, or that profess to be, in want of it.

Charity Organisation means a great deal too. It means no less than the endeavouring to secure that all this Charity shall go to *the right people, and the right people only.*

There are other collateral matters included in the idea of Charity organisation, such as securing that Charity shall be administered as sensibly and economically as possible, that fraudulent Charities shall be exposed, Charities no longer needed discontinued, and charitable efforts made in directions that are really necessary; but the main idea, the chief object, of Charity organisation is to secure that all the good things provided by benevolence shall go to those, and those only, who ought to have them and who will be really benefited by them.

In order to attain the objects of Charity organisation three conditions are necessary. It is necessary that charitable agencies at work in the same district, or dealing with the same class of persons, should know all about each other's operations; secondly, that they should know all about the persons that apply to them for help; and thirdly, that there should be some organisation by means of which persons in distress, and those desirous of helping them, should be informed of and placed in communication with the agencies best calculated to assist them.

The Charity Organisation Society has instituted a machinery by means of which these conditions can be fulfilled.

I. It has established a Committee in each Poor Law Division of the Metropolis, the plan being that this Committee should



include representatives of all the principal charitable agencies of the district.

This provides for intercommunication between the Charities. The latter, by thus uniting for the purposes of consultation and co-operation, can acquaint themselves with what each is doing, and can profit by each other's experiences. They can avoid wasteful travelling over the same ground and needless multiplication of machinery.

II. It has opened in each Poor Law Division an office where an agent is present every day at certain hours, to take down and inquire into the particulars of any case of distress that may be referred to him.

By availing themselves of the agency thus placed at their disposal, all benevolent individuals and societies may acquaint themselves, as fully as may be necessary, with the past history and present circumstances of those who apply for relief, and thus learn whether it is right to help them, and, if so, in what way help can best be given. Investigation is sometimes objected to as harsh and inquisitorial; but, however much we may deplore its necessity, experience proves that without it benevolence will do more harm than good. Most people will admit that it is wrong to give charity to the lazy, the drunken, and the improvident—that it is at least a waste of charity to bestow it on those who can do without it, or who have friends able to help them—but it is equally true that it is mischievous to help even the deserving poor in circumstances which they should themselves anticipate and provide for. To do so cannot but paralyse those virtues of thrift, forethought, energy, and independence upon which their real well-being depends. Hence it is that charity to be really wise and beneficent involves much discrimination—a discrimination which cannot be exercised, where people personally unknown to us are concerned, until inquiry has furnished us with particulars as to their character and circumstances.

III. It enjoins upon its District Committees to deal with each case of distress that comes before them to the best of their judgment and ability, sparing no pains to procure the requisite assistance from existing charitable agencies, and, when these are not available, making every effort to raise, themselves, the necessary funds.

Thus the District offices of the Society are gradually becoming, as it were, harbours of refuge to which any person may resort whose need or distress is of a kind that Charity may legitimately relieve. Those that are dismissed unassisted have always the Poor Law to fall back upon, but it is contrary to the plan of the Society that any should be so dismissed whom it would be right to help. The aim of the Society is to have its offices and Committees in such a state of efficiency that all cases of distress may be referred to them with the full assurance that, if found to be proper objects for Charity, they will be adequately dealt with.

To make complete and efficient the organisation here briefly sketched out two things are wanted—MONEY and VOLUNTEERS. On the first there is no occasion to dwell, the necessity is obvious. Less obvious perhaps but yet more closely related to the wellbeing of the Society is its urgent need of volunteers—of men and women, really concerned for the poor, who will join its Committees and work hard for the cases requiring help of a kind that it is difficult to get. Abundance of useful work lies waiting to be done by any who, approving the objects and principles of the Society, are willing to give it their time, and are content to find their reward in spending themselves in the service of the poor.\*

The Committee for the District of Lewisham, Blackheath, and Lee, which was formed by an amalgamation of the Old Blackheath Mendicity Society (originated by the Rev. Martyn Hart) with a new local committee, has now been at work for seven years. Though it has secured the earnest services, the hearty support, and the cordial co-operation of many, it must be admitted that the encouragement afforded to it by the inhabitants generally is less than might have been anticipated. One need not, perhaps, look far to account for this. Misrepresentations as to the principles, and misstatements as to the work of the Society, sometimes wilfully, oftener, it is to be hoped, ignorantly, are ever and again being made. If well-meaning persons, instead of accepting such, would only take the trouble to inquire into the truth of them, and form an intelligent opinion for themselves, the Committee feel assured that the soundness of the principles and work of the Society, as explained above, would ere long be generally recognised and appreciated, not only in its own district but throughout the country at large.

The Committee readily co-operated with the Local Committee formed for collecting and distributing funds for the relief of the sufferers from the terrible inundation which occurred in April last. Its offices and the services of its agents were placed at the disposal of the Inundation Committee, while three of its most active members were appointed respectively a Treasurer and Honorary Secretaries, at a public meeting held at Lewisham on April 12. This inundation, unlike those occurring from time to time in the low-lying districts of Lewisham, extended over a very wide area, and being ascribed in great measure to

\* An occasional paper.

heavier rains than had been known for forty years, it seemed legitimate work for charity to step in and assist the poorer class, at least, of sufferers.

The Committee note with pleasure that the National Penny Bank, Limited, have opened a branch bank at 4 Watson's Place, Lee High Road, under the auspices of Earl Sydney, Lord Lieutenant of the county, and many local noblemen and gentlemen. The result of the working of this branch, as well as of the other branches established in different parts of London, proves that many among the class of persons for whose benefit the bank was founded, are ready to lay by savings against a rainy day, when a safe and easy way of doing so is placed within their reach. Employers of labour and householders generally might do much to encourage habits of providence and thrift among the people by making known among their servants the existence of this bank and other similar institutions.

The Committee has decided upon dispensing with the services of its second officer, whose chief work has been patrolling the district and looking after beggars. Originally this work was essential to the comfort of the inhabitants. Things, however, have changed much for the better during the last few years. Blackheath, which used to be a sort of no man's ground, and a favourite resort for mendicants, is now in the hands of the Metropolitan Board of Works, who employ their own officers to patrol it. These local changes, combined with the action of your Committee, having reduced begging within very narrow limits in the neighbourhood,\* it appears no longer necessary, even if want of funds did not render it impossible,† for the Committee to retain an officer for this special purpose. It may also be added that it is plainly the duty of the police to look after the beggars, while it may be a question whether the apprehension of such is desirable work for the Society to undertake. The giving up of this patrolling officer renders it more than ever needful to caution the public, for their own sake, for their neighbours' sake, for the beggars' sake, for the sake of the commonweal, to refrain from giving to mendicants of whose character and condition they possess no real knowledge.

\* As a matter of fact the patrolling officer did not find a single beggar to give into custody for nearly nine months last year.

† There is an excess of expenditure over receipts for the past year of £19. 3s. 7d.

## WORK OF THE COUNCIL, 1877-8.

DURING the Session of the year 1877-8, 38 meetings of Council were held, with an average attendance of 49 members.

This is a considerably larger average than in former years; and when it is remembered that the Council is composed mainly of representatives from every part of London, and is a meeting place at which those who are familiar with the wants of the poor and are practically engaged in endeavouring to meet those wants can interchange opinions and experience, the utility of these meetings will be obvious. Questions of an immediate or permanent interest, the difficulties of which are well known, are frequently discussed: how to aid the poor to obtain employment; how to deal satisfactorily with cases of chronic infirmity; loans; the Army Reserves, and so forth. And the Council, in which there is a frequent change of representatives and a consequent introduction of new members, affords a means for the continuous consideration and discussion of subjects which cannot be settled offhand by any approved method or theory of organisation, but which require the knowledge, co-operation, and energy of each successive generation of workers.

During the earlier part of the session two subjects, which are rather private to the Society than of general interest, were discussed at considerable length. The Administrative Committee of the Council was placed on an entirely new footing. New arrangements were also made for the conduct of business in the office of the Council.

### VAGRANCY.

During the winter of 1877-8 there was throughout the country a great increase in vagrancy. It appeared that in London the information that bread was given at the offices of the Committees had spread, and some of the offices were in consequence beset, generally towards midday, by large numbers of vagrants and wayfarers. The responsibility of dealing with cases of sudden and urgent necessity rested mainly upon the local Poor Law authorities; but by the rules of the Society their agents had been authorised, in cases of absolute hunger, to give bread to be eaten upon the spot. It was evident, however, that in the application of this rule great discretion was necessary on the part of the agents. A circular accordingly was issued, pointing out that the rule applied to cases of extreme urgency only; but that in all exceptional homeless cases, which did not appear suitable for reference to a Relieving Officer, the agents were to use their discretion in giving whatever immediate assistance might be required, with a view to the more complete treatment of the case afterwards. By the liberality of a member of the Society, special arrangements have been made at the Newport Market Refuge for the reception of these cases.

### ASSISTANCE BY WAY OF LOANS.

A Sub-Committee, which reported on the subject of loans made by District Committees, made the following returns:—

|                                           |       |    |    |
|-------------------------------------------|-------|----|----|
| Total amount lent during two years ending | £     | s. | d. |
| September 30, 1877.                       | 3,694 | 3  | 11 |
| Of this there had been repaid             | 2,936 | 12 | 5  |
| Loans outstanding and deemed recoverable, |       |    |    |
| though including doubtful debts           | 613   | 0  | 7  |
| Written off as bad debts                  | 144   | 10 | 11 |

## CHRONIC AND PENSION CASES.

The Society by its present rules does not undertake chronic cases. Hitherto indeed it has been considered that they should be dealt with by private persons or by the existing pension societies. The change, however, of public opinion on the subject of the administration of outdoor relief, the endeavour to mark more clearly the division between cases suitable for the Poor Law and those suitable for charity, the apparent inability of the existing institutions to deal effectively with pension cases, the necessity of some provision for cases which fitted into none of the categories framed by the institutions or could not wait for admission, led to suggestions being made to alter the rule now in force and to undertake to assist suitable chronic cases, under certain conditions, either by the co-operation of individuals whose contributions would be organised for one or more special cases, or by the establishment of pension funds, or eventually by the application of charitable endowments. On the other hand, it was thought that such proposals would largely increase the responsibilities of the Society, while the District Committees, by the many methods to which they resorted for dealing effectively with these cases, were learning what the solution of the difficulty might be. No change therefore was made.

## ADEQUATE RELIEF.

Cognate to this question is that of adequate temporary relief. The difficulty of obtaining such relief was, it was urged, very great. There were, from time to time, cases of an exceptional nature in which a sum of money was required quite out of proportion to the relief obtainable, under ordinary circumstances, by the means and influence of a local Committee or by reference to any of the Metropolitan Relief Societies. To meet this want, it was arranged that a book containing the names of those willing to give liberal charitable assistance should be kept at the offices of the Council; and several persons, on seeing a notice on the subject in the *Charity Organisation Reporter* and in the Annual Report of the Council, have consented to relieve these cases on reference. This, together with the insertion of appeals in the *Reporter*, has enabled the Council to obtain sufficient aid for all exceptional cases considered suitable by the Administrative Committee.

## THE ARMY RESERVES.

When the Reserves were called out, it became a question whether any special efforts should be made to meet the distress which, it was stated, existed among their wives and families. No conclusive evidence as to the inadequacy of the remuneration received by the Reserve men was forthcoming, and it was felt that, if cases of distress arose, they could be thoroughly dealt with by the means already afforded to the public by the Society. It was considered also that, if the remuneration were in fact inadequate, it was better that the Government should increase it than that inducements should be created for making independent persons applicants for charity.

## PROVIDENT DISPENSARIES ETC.

Other subjects, such as the relation of organisation to relief in the Society, the better treatment of School Board cases, co-operation with the Guardians, the Education of the Blind, have been carefully considered by the Council or its standing Committees. More especially on the development of the Provident Dispensary system has much labour been expended; and it is believed, that steps have been taken which will eventually lead to the substitution of some form of assurance against ordinary sickness for the present indiscriminate out-patient medical relief.

## APPENDIX A.

TABULAR STATEMENT OF CASES DEALT WITH BY  
THE COMMITTEE BETWEEN OCTOBER 1, 1877,  
AND SEPTEMBER 30, 1878.

## CLASS I.—DISMISSED, OR UNFAVOURABLY REPORTED ON, AS—

|                                                          |    |
|----------------------------------------------------------|----|
| 1. Not requiring relief . . . . .                        | 4  |
| 2. Undeserving . . . . .                                 | 5  |
| 3. Cases for Poor-Law, or otherwise ineligible . . . . . | 10 |
| Total . . . . .                                          | 19 |

## CLASS II.—RECOMMENDED TO—

|                                             |   |
|---------------------------------------------|---|
| 1. The Guardians . . . . .                  | 1 |
| 2. Institutions or Local Agencies . . . . . | 2 |
| 3. Private Persons . . . . .                | 6 |
| Total . . . . .                             | 9 |

## CLASS III.—ASSISTED BY—

|                                      |     |
|--------------------------------------|-----|
| 1. Grants . . . . .                  | 41  |
| 2. Loans . . . . .                   | 13  |
| 3. Employment . . . . .              | 55  |
| 4. Letters for Hospitals &c. . . . . | 145 |
| Total . . . . .                      | 254 |

Grand Total 282

|                                          |      |
|------------------------------------------|------|
| Reports sent out . . . . .               | 117  |
| Inquiries for other Committees . . . . . | 19   |
| Vagrants dealt with . . . . .            | 1940 |
| Referred to other Committees . . . . .   | 0    |

## APPENDIX B.

Classification of the various occupations of the residents  
whose cases have been investigated at the Lewisham Office,  
during the year ending September 30, 1878:—

|                             |    |                               |   |
|-----------------------------|----|-------------------------------|---|
| Bakers . . . . .            | 2  | Ironfounder . . . . .         | 1 |
| Blacksmiths . . . . .       | 3  | Laundresses . . . . .         | 6 |
| Butler . . . . .            | 1  | Marine Store Dealer . . . . . | 1 |
| Carpenters . . . . .        | 3  | Nurses . . . . .              | 2 |
| Carmen . . . . .            | 4  | Painters . . . . .            | 5 |
| Carver and Gilder . . . . . | 1  | Plasterer . . . . .           | 1 |
| Charwomen . . . . .         | 14 | Plumber . . . . .             | 1 |
| Clerks . . . . .            | 3  | Policeman . . . . .           | 1 |
| Coachmen . . . . .          | 2  | Railway Servants . . . . .    | 3 |
| Compositor . . . . .        | 1  | Seamstresses . . . . .        | 4 |
| Female Servants . . . . .   | 6  | Shipwright . . . . .          | 1 |
| Gardeners . . . . .         | 16 | Shoemakers . . . . .          | 2 |
| Hawkers . . . . .           | 4  | Smiths . . . . .              | 3 |
| Hammermen . . . . .         | 2  | Tailors . . . . .             | 2 |
| Labourers . . . . .         | 47 | Upholstress . . . . .         | 1 |

Total . 142

# STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE,

From October 1, 1877, to September 30, 1878.

## RECEIPTS.

|                                                                     | £   | s. | d. |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|----|----|
| To Balance from last year . . . . .                                 | 9   | 6  | 10 |
| " Donations and Subscriptions ( <i>see Nominal List</i> ) . . . . . | 196 | 11 | 6  |
| " Repayment of Loans . . . . .                                      | 31  | 9  | 0  |
| " Received for private aid to special cases . . . . .               | 6   | 17 | 0  |
| Deficiency . . . . .                                                | 19  | 3  | 7  |

Total

£208 6 11

Examined and found correct.

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## EXPENDITURE.

|                                                 | £           | s.       | d.        |
|-------------------------------------------------|-------------|----------|-----------|
| By Rent of Offices . . . . .                    | 20          | 0        | 0         |
| " Fuel and Light . . . . .                      | 2           | 6        | 2         |
| " Furniture and Repairs . . . . .               | 0           | 5        | 6         |
| " Salaries . . . . .                            | 133         | 6        | 0         |
| " Gratuities . . . . .                          | 3           | 3        | 0         |
| " Collectors' Poundage . . . . .                | 9           | 15       | 6         |
| " Books, Stationery, and Postage . . . . .      | 3           | 2        | 11        |
| " Printing . . . . .                            | 23          | 6        | 6         |
| " Incidental Expenses . . . . .                 | 2           | 19       | 1         |
| " District Committee Aid Fund . . . . .         | 2           | 16       | 0         |
| " Aid by Grants . . . . .                       | 8           | 2        | 6         |
| " " (private aid to special cases) . . . . .    | 6           | 17       | 0         |
| " " by Loans . . . . .                          | 31          | 10       | 0         |
| " " in Kind . . . . .                           | 15          | 12       | 9         |
| " Cheque Book . . . . .                         | 0           | 2        | 0         |
| " Repaid sum overpaid on Loan Account . . . . . | 0           | 3        | 0         |
| Total . . . . .                                 | <u>£268</u> | <u>6</u> | <u>11</u> |

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October 1878.

## REPORT.

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IN presenting their Annual Report for 1877-78, the Eltham and Mottingham Committee of the Charity Organisation Society desire to draw the attention of the subscribers and inhabitants of this district to the fact that during the past year 1,540 vagrants and professional beggars have received relief in the form of food at the office in High Street, who, but for this, would have probably begged from door to door. The residents have thus been saved from much annoyance.

The principles of the Society require that the agent should not give relief indiscriminately, or without proper inquiry, and no more bread is given than will suffice to carry the applicant to the relieving officer of the district; but to accomplish even this, it is requisite that the public should supply the necessary funds. The Committee regret that, owing to the removal of several old subscribers, the receipts this year are barely sufficient to cover the necessary expenditure; and they desire to impress upon the inhabitants that should the office in High Street be closed from want of funds, the connection with the Parent Society will be cut off, and the flood of vagrancy, which has been brought into a narrow channel, will again spread over the district, cause the same annoyance as formerly, and renew the old unsatisfactory system of often relieving most unworthy applicants.

To avoid the recurrence of this evil, it is earnestly hoped that the inhabitants will be induced to give sufficient aid and encouragement to the Committee to enable them to carry on the work of the Society. There being no relieving officer for the poor within two miles of the village, the presence of the office *insures* that every wayfarer in want of food will get it. The benevolent may rest assured that no person reporting himself to be starving is refused food. *The tickets of the Society are issued gratuitously, and when*

presented by applicants at the office, food or investigation, as the case may demand, is obtained with as little delay as possible.

The office hours are from 10 to 12 A.M., and from 2 to 5 P.M., but none are refused food at any hour of the day, unless they are abusive.

The Committee again repeat that the Society has no wish to check private Charity, or to interfere with the administration of the Charities of the locality; but they ask the public to assist them in carrying out the principles of the Society, in the following manner, viz.:—

1. Abstain entirely from giving alms to beggars in the streets, indiscriminate relief being one of the main incentives to pauperism and vagrancy.
2. If applied to for alms, offer the applicant one of the Society's tickets, a gratuitous supply of which can be obtained at this office; or send the name and address of applicant to the Committee.
3. Should anyone apply for relief at your house, either by letter or in person, forward the letter or refer the case to this office, when it will be investigated, and a report sent to you if desired.

*N.B.—Every case sent to this office will be inquired into free of expense, and, if found deserving, every effort will be made to obtain the necessary assistance. Inquiries are made in all parts of the Metropolis by means of the Committees of the Society, which has also correspondents in the country.*

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| Name of Charity                                                                          | Annual Amount                                        | Purposes for which Applied                                                                                  |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                                                                          | £ s. d.                                              |                                                                                                             |
| Fifteen Penny Lands. }<br>Passey's . . . . .<br>Roper's . . . . .<br>Quilter's . . . . . | 448 10 8                                             | For the benefit of the poor of Eltham.                                                                      |
| Collynson's & Keightley's .                                                              | 100 14 0                                             | For the repairs of the highways.                                                                            |
| Sampson's . . . . .                                                                      | 25 0 0                                               | One half for the poor of Eltham, and the other half for apprenticing children of the poor.                  |
| Philipot's . . . . .                                                                     | 289 8 0                                              | For the benefit of the occupiers of the almshouses, six of which are for Eltham, and three for Chiselhurst. |
| Legatt's . . . . .                                                                       | 82 2 2                                               | To teach poor children of Eltham in the doctrines of the Church of England.                                 |
| Wall's . . . . .                                                                         | 2 11 4                                               | For coals to poor widows of Eltham.                                                                         |
| Prichard's . . . . .                                                                     | 2 17 8                                               | For poor maids and widows of Eltham.                                                                        |
| Clapham's . . . . .                                                                      | 3 0 0                                                | For coals to poor of Eltham.                                                                                |
| Smith's . . . . .                                                                        | 9 0 0                                                | Books and coals to poor of Eltham.                                                                          |
| James's . . . . .                                                                        | 28 14 0                                              | For coals to poor of Eltham.                                                                                |
| Colfe's . . . . .                                                                        | 0 8 8                                                | For bread to poor of Eltham.                                                                                |
| Slynn's . . . . .                                                                        | 0 12 0                                               | Ditto ditto.                                                                                                |
| Hewitt's . . . . .                                                                       | 1 10 0                                               | For repairs of R. Street's tomb, and the surplus in bread to the poor.                                      |
| Keeling's . . . . .                                                                      | 5 2 10                                               | For the repairs of tomb, and the surplus in bread to the poor.                                              |
| Queen Elizabeth's College .                                                              | This Charity is administered by the Drapers' Company | For six honest, poor, and godly persons of Eltham.                                                          |
| Bell-Rope Acre . . . . .                                                                 | 0 15 0                                               | To provide bell-ropes for the Church.                                                                       |
| — . . . . .                                                                              | 0 6 8                                                | For the use of the Parish Clerk of Eltham.                                                                  |
| Land on Eltham Common .                                                                  | 2 2 0                                                | This amount is paid to Slynn's Charity, and given in bread to school children on the 5th of November.       |
| Prinald's . . . . .                                                                      | 15 0 0                                               | For repairs to tomb, and the surplus in bread to the poor.                                                  |
| Stannard's . . . . .                                                                     | 4 10 0                                               | For repairs to tomb, and the surplus in bread to the poor.                                                  |
| Dame Welch . . . . .                                                                     | 1 10 0                                               | For keeping up Sir J. Welch's tomb, and the surplus (if any) for the repair of Church clock.                |



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FROM OCTOBER 1ST 1877 TO SEPTEMBER 30TH 1878.

## RECEIPTS.

|                            | £ | s. | d.   |
|----------------------------|---|----|------|
| To Balance brought forward | . | 3  | 19 5 |
| " Annual Subscriptions     | . | 25 | 7 6  |

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## EXPENDITURE.

|                                                   | £ | s. | d.    |
|---------------------------------------------------|---|----|-------|
| By Bread to Vagrants                              | . | 7  | 0 7   |
| " Stationery and Postages                         | . | 0  | 7 8   |
| " Printing                                        | . | 3  | 8 0   |
| " Salary and Commission to Agent                  | . | 16 | 14 0  |
| " Payment for use of Room at Schools for Meetings | . | 0  | 10 0  |
| " 'Charity Organisation Reporter'                 | . | 0  | 5 3   |
| " Incidental Expenses                             | . | 0  | 1 7   |
| " Balance                                         | . | 0  | 19 10 |

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|-----------------------------|---------------|----|----|------------|----|----|
|                             | £             | s. | d. | £          | s. | d. |
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| Eagleton, Mrs.              | 0             | 5  | 0  |            |    |    |
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|-----------------------|---------------|----|----|------------|----|----|
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THE objects of the Society for Organising Charitable Relief and Repressing Mendicity may be stated in the following terms :—

I. To bring into harmonious co-operation with each other and with the Poor Law authorities the various charitable agencies and individuals in the district, and thus effectually to check the evils of 'overlapping' relief caused by simultaneous but independent action.

II. To investigate thoroughly the cases of all applicants for charitable relief, whether they are referred to the offices for inquiry and report, or whether they apply of their own accord.

III. To place gratuitously at the disposal of all charitable agencies and private persons the investigating machinery of the Committees of the Society, and to send, to persons having a legitimate interest in cases, full reports of the results of the investigations made.

IV. To obtain from the proper charities, or from charitable individuals, suitable and adequate relief for deserving cases.

V. To assist from its own funds, and as far as possible in the form of loans, all suitable cases *for which adequate assistance cannot be obtained from other sources.*

VI. To repress mendicity by the above means, by the gratuitous distribution of investigation tickets, and by the prosecution of impostors.

VII. To afford to the public at large information regarding the objects and mode of working of existing charities.

VIII. To promote, as far as possible, the general welfare of the poor by means of social and sanitary reforms, and by the inculcation of habits of providence and self-dependence.

## REPORT.

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In issuing their Ninth Annual Report, the Committee of the Sydenham and Forest Hill Branch of the SOCIETY FOR ORGANISING CHARITABLE RELIEF AND REPRESSING MENDICITY, desire to express their thankful acknowledgment of the support which they have hitherto received from the Inhabitants of this District. Though it is gratifying to be able to state that, as there has been a slight increase in their receipts from Annual Subscriptions and Donations, the fund at their disposal has proved sufficient for their actual requirements during the past year, still with an increase in their general expenditure they cannot but be alive to the fact that the balance of cash remaining (£20 7s. 7d.), together with what may be received from the repayment of loans, is a totally inadequate one to commence the financial year with; indeed, before this Report is in the hands of the Subscribers, and they have been waited on to renew their annual subscriptions, it will probably already have been exhausted. By reference to the balance-sheets of the last three years, it will be seen that the financial year commencing October 1st, 1876, was begun with an available balance of £106 9s. 7d.; on October 1st, 1877, this had been reduced to £86 9s. 0d., and has since sunk to the low figure already specified. It follows, therefore, that for

several years past the current annual subscriptions and donations have not sufficed to defray the costs of the Society's work, and that these have only been met by drawing upon money collected in previous years. Under these circumstances the Committee deem it their duty to make a more than usually earnest appeal for increased aid. Of late years many a person, on being asked for a subscription, has replied "I am fully alive to the good being done by the CHARITY ORGANISATION SOCIETY, and am desirous to support it; but your Report shows so large a balance-sheet that you cannot be urgently in need of funds. Put me down for a small subscription; when money is more really needed, I shall be glad to increase it." At the present low ebb of the Society's funds, the Committee do not hesitate to call upon such persons to make good their promises, in full confidence that their appeal will not be made in vain; and at the same time they venture to suggest that much may be effected in the way of winning over new subscribers by making the claims of the Society, and the nature of its operations, more widely known among their friends.

It is a mistake to suppose that at any time the Committee have had more money at their disposal than they have known what to do with. If to some they may appear to have unnecessarily hoarded it, it may be answered that they have acted from prudential motives and with the fear before them that an unusually severe winter would rapidly exhaust their resources. Happily, up to this time,

the means at their disposal have enabled them to meet, without difficulty, the direct expenses of carrying on their work in the district, but it should be borne in mind that the various branches of the Society are to a large extent mutually dependent upon each other. Each of the thirty-eight federated Committees throughout the Metropolitan District, as occasion may require, supplies information to, and receives information from, the others in regard to cases under investigation. If, from lack of funds, the working of any one of these gets out of order, the work in the other districts necessarily suffers more or less in efficiency. The Central Council, at which all the District Committees are represented, has also claims upon the support of the District Branches of the Society, for on the continued vigour and efficiency of its deliberations and action the success of the work in every part of the Metropolitan and affiliated Provincial Districts largely depends.

It is not, however, of pecuniary assistance alone that the Society stands in need. *Personal* help is equally desirable. Those therefore who have time at their disposal are urged to communicate with the Hon. Secretary, who will have no difficulty in finding them occupation as Members of the Working Committee.

The Committee rejoice in the feeling that in many respects their work has made good progress during the past year ; they believe that the principles of the Society and the value of its action have been

more widely recognised and appreciated both by the charitable public and by the poor.

Meetings of the Working Committee have been held weekly throughout the year, for the purpose of adjudicating upon cases requiring relief which have been previously inquired into. In addition there have been Monthly Meetings of the General Committee, for discussion, receiving the Hon. Treasurer's Report, granting loans above £2, &c.

In giving some particulars of the year's work, it will be convenient to classify them under three heads, viz. :—

1. The Organisation of Charitable Relief.
2. The Maintenance of Charity Offices for Temporary Relief.
3. The Repression of Mendicity.

But its actual results will be best ascertained by reference to the various tables of statistics derived from the Registers of the past nine years, appended below.

#### I. THE ORGANISATION OF CHARITABLE RELIEF.

This may be regarded as the great and primary branch of the Society's work. The Committee have aimed at becoming a centre of union and inter-communication between the Poor Law Authorities and all the Charitable Institutions in this district, in order that an efficient system of mutual information

and concerted action might be established, which would result in the prevention of waste and overlapping of relief, and render its administration more complete and beneficial. Though it must be admitted that this aim has not yet been fully realised, considerable progress has been made in this direction. The weekly printed lists of relief granted by the Board of Guardians, which last year were withdrawn, are now under the authority of an order from the Local Government Board, regularly issued to the Charity Office. The information derived from them has proved most valuable. The Committee gratefully acknowledge the cordial co-operation of the Board of Guardians, which has been of great assistance to them in their work, and of great benefit to the poor and to the rate-payers of the district. Thanks are also due to the Relieving Officer of the Board for the information and assistance, from time to time, readily imparted by him to the Society's Charity Officer, as well as to those of the Clergy, who have supplied lists of the relief distributed by their District Visitors.

They notice also with satisfaction the great diminution in the amount of out-door relief given by the Guardians in accordance with the principles which from the first have been advocated by the Society.

It is satisfactory to be able to state that an increasing number of private persons have availed themselves of the means at the Society's disposal

for inquiring into the genuineness of cases of distress, which, when after investigation they have been found deserving, they have themselves relieved either directly or through the agency of the Committee. When the reverse has been the case the pockets of the charitable have manifestly been saved, or their charity has been diverted into more deserving channels.

The Council of the Charity Organisation Society has laid down the following rule for each of its 38 Metropolitan District Committees: "*To collect particulars as to the Charities of the District, the relief given by them, and keep such particulars in an accessible form.*"

In this district this has of late become a comparatively easy task, because the Trustees of the Lewisham Parochial Charities (first appointed under the scheme established 11th December, 1874,) have issued a printed report of their proceedings during the three years of their term of office, together with a report, by the Clerk of the Trustees, of the Government Stocks and other property, income, &c., of the Charities comprised in the scheme, as well as an abstract of their accounts for the year ending Lady-day, 1878. It has thus been made easy to arrive at a clear view of the result of the laborious efforts of the Trustees during their first three years' term of office. From a state of chaos these 36 Endowed Charities have been at last so revised that it has been possible to furnish an accurate statement of

their stocks and investments as well as of their income and expenditure. It is to be hoped, therefore, that in future the Parishioners may confidently look forward to these Charities being administered in a more business-like and efficient manner than has been the case heretofore.

The following is a list of the Trustees for the ensuing three years, consisting of six Ex-officio and twelve Elected Members :—

#### EX-OFFICIO.

*The Vicar of Lewisham.*—THE HON. AND REV. HENRY LEGGE.

*Churchwardens.*—MR. THOMAS HOWARD LAVERS, and MR. THOMAS ALFRED WARRINGTON.

*Overseers.*—MR. JOHN HINDER, and MR. MICHAEL T. WHITEHALL.

*Chairman of the Guardians of the Poor of the Parish.*—MR. BENJAMIN HORTON, JNR.

#### ELECTED.

*By the Vestry.*—THE REV. W. TAYLOR JONES, MR. W. G. LEMON, and MR. R. T. BIGGS.

*By the Guardians of the Poor of the Parish.*—MR. F. BURDETT, MR. EDWARD CLIFT, and MR. STEPHEN RIDDINGTON.

*By the Members of the Vestry elected for the Blackheath Ward.*—MR. JOHN DYER, and MR. G. F. FREAN.

*By the Members of the Vestry elected for the Sydenham Ward.*—Major TESCHEMAKER, and MR. S. P. LOW.

*By the Members of the Vestry elected for the Lewisham Ward.*—DR. C. W. STEEL, and MR. W. GLANVILLE.

*Chairman.*—THE REV. WILLIAM TAYLOR JONES.

*Clerk.*—MR. SAMUEL EDWARDS.

Unfortunately, as it may seem, for the Sydenham and Forest Hill half of the Parish of Lewisham, only *three* of the 18 Trustees are resident in this district. Fears are, therefore, perhaps not unnaturally, entertained by the inhabitants of this part of the Parish that “their widows may be neglected in the



daily ministration," and that they may not receive their full share of the £1,600 a year available for distribution. More local co-operation seems desirable. District Visitors and other Almoners of Charity might advise the Committee of suitable candidates for the 23 almshouses, also for the annual gifts of £1 to each person, and of blankets, &c. A register for the entry of the names of suitable candidates has therefore been opened at the Charity Office, where every information in respect to these endowed charities may be obtained of SERGEANT VANCE.

## II. THE MAINTENANCE OF THE CHARITY OFFICE FOR TEMPORARY RELIEF.

The Sydenham and Forest Hill District Charity and Inquiry Office is at the Dispensary, Forest Hill. This District is about three miles in length and nearly the same in width. Every application for relief is inquired into by an efficient paid Officer and submitted each week to the Working Committee. A record is made in the Register of the particulars and antecedents of each case for future reference, also of the kind of relief, if any, from time to time granted. Thus in the 105 months of the Society's actual operations in this District, 5,835 persons have applied for relief, but only 933 have been relieved; and if the 331 rather doubtful cases only once relieved are deducted, but 622 cases remain, or an average of

about one in nine really deserving charitable relief from the funds of this Society. Members of the Committee and Medical Officers, in urgent cases, can give the first order for relief in food to the Charity Officer and it is at once promptly supplied, the case being reported at the next meeting of the Committee. District Visitors or Residents may rely upon every deserving case, after due inquiry, receiving suitable and prompt relief. The work of the Society will be found, on reference to its statistics, to consist not only in distributing relief, but also in investigating and recording the merits of every case.

The following are the Statistics from the REGISTERS at the Society's Office for the Ten months of 1870, and the Years ending September 30th, 1871, 1872, 1873, 1874, 1875, 1876, 1877 and 1878.

|                                                                                                            | 1870 | 1871 | 1872 | 1873 | 1874 | 1875 | 1876 | 1877 | 1878 |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Mendicants to whom<br>bread only was<br>given . . . .                                                      | 755  | 523  | 317  | 281  | 414  | 210  | 338  | 315  | 785  |
| Cases inquired into<br>and found unsuited<br>to the Society's<br>Relief . . . .                            | 336  | 73   | 66   | 19   | 40   | 41   | 14   | 37   | 12   |
| Cases referred to<br>parish authorities<br>after receiving tem-<br>porary relief from<br>the Society . . . | 195  | 42   | 17   | 30   | 19   | 8    | 2    | 6    | 4    |
| Assisted by the Society                                                                                    | 106  | 195  | 95   | 117  | 136  | 131  | 44   | 49   | 63   |
| Total No. of applicants                                                                                    | 1392 | 833  | 495  | 447  | 609  | 390  | 398  | 407  | 864  |

The Charity Officer classifies the various occupations of the Mendicants, for the last eight years, as under :—

|                                           | 1871       | 1872       | 1873       | 1874       | 1875       | 1876       | 1877       | 1878       |
|-------------------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Professional Tramps -                     | 134        | 112        | 82         | 103        | 29         | 48         | 71         | 104        |
| Of no occupation - -                      | 25         | 22         | 8          | 30         | 14         | 16         | 21         | 28         |
| Labourers - - - -                         | 111        | 108        | 107        | 168        | 143        | 156        | 145        | 550        |
| Painters - - - -                          | 15         | 5          | 10         | 15         | 5          | 9          | 28         | 27         |
| Hawkers - . - - -                         | 8          | 2          | 1          | 0          | 0          | 2          | 2          | 4          |
| Bricklayers - - - -                       | 7          | 3          | 2          | 5          | 1          | 2          | 2          | 2          |
| Carpenters - - - -                        | 7          | 3          | 5          | 4          | 3          | 0          | 3          | 6          |
| Grooms - - - - -                          | 7          | 13         | 5          | 4          | 4          | 8          | 10         | 15         |
| Sawyers - - - - -                         | 6          | 2          | 2          | 5          | 0          | 3          | 2          | 1          |
| Other occupations, each less than ten - - | 203        | 47         | 59         | 80         | 11         | 94         | 31         | 48         |
| Total non-residents in district - - - -   | <u>523</u> | <u>317</u> | <u>281</u> | <u>414</u> | <u>210</u> | <u>338</u> | <u>315</u> | <u>785</u> |

Also, the various occupations of resident applicants who were relieved, for the last eight years, as under :

|                                             | 1871       | 1872      | 1873       | 1874       | 1875      | 1876      | 1877      | 1878      |
|---------------------------------------------|------------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Labourers - - - - -                         | 70         | 18        | 32         | 52         | 18        | 9         | 12        | 25        |
| Carpenters - - - - -                        | 19         | 7         | 6          | 10         | 5         | 3         | 1         | 6         |
| Gardeners - - - - -                         | 15         | 6         | 8          | 17         | 5         | 4         | 6         | 4         |
| Bricklayers - - - - -                       | 13         | 6         | 6          | 4          | 2         | 2         | 0         | 3         |
| Charwomen - - - - -                         | 8          | 8         | 5          | 9          | 3         | 4         | 4         | 17        |
| Of no occupation - - -                      | 5          | 2         | 2          | 4          | 1         | 2         | 1         | 2         |
| Other occupations, each less than six - - - | 65         | 48        | 58         | 59         | 42        | 20        | 25        | 10        |
| Total resident cases in district - - - - -  | <u>195</u> | <u>95</u> | <u>117</u> | <u>155</u> | <u>76</u> | <u>44</u> | <u>49</u> | <u>67</u> |

The Charity Officer furnishes the following details with regard to the cases relieved in the district in

|                         | 1871 | 1872 | 1873 | 1874 | 1875 | 1876 | 1877 | 1878 |
|-------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Cases relieved once - - | 88   | 45   | 49   | 61   | 30   | 19   | 14   | 25   |
| „ „ twice - -           | 33   | 23   | 34   | 28   | 23   | 6    | 14   | 11   |
| „ „ three times -       | 20   | 7    | 14   | 22   | 14   | 8    | 4    | 7    |
| „ „ four times -        | 17   | 8    | 12   | 17   | 5    | 5    | 5    | 10   |
| „ „ five times -        | 12   | 3    | 4    | 5    | 1    | 2    | 4    | 6    |
| „ „ six times -         | 9    | 5    | 3    | 3    | 1    | 1    | 3    | 2    |
| „ „ seven times -       | 6    | 1    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 1    | 2    | 0    |
| „ „ eight times -       | 5    | 2    | 1    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 1    | 1    |
| „ „ nine times -        | 2    | 1    | 0    | 0    | 1    | 2    | 1    | 0    |
| „ „ ten and over -      | 3    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 1    | 0    | 1    | 5    |

One cannot look at these Statistics without feelings of dismay at the enormous increase in the number of mendicants to whom bread alone has been given, and which has far exceeded that of any previous year of the Society's operations. The Committee are at a loss to account for this, except on the grounds that the prevailing slackness of trade has thrown so many out of work, and that many of the Metropolitan Districts have discontinued relieving passers-by in this manner.

The Committee wish to inform the Subscribers that tickets given by them will always secure a meal of bread for the persons presenting them, such necessary relief never being refused except in the case of known imposture.

One of the principal and most beneficial modes of assistance followed by the Society, has been found to be that of granting loans of money, which are often the means of saving deserving persons from being brought to permanent destitution for the want of means to tide over a temporary difficulty. Such loans are granted, after careful investigation, in sums not exceeding £10. They are free of interest, but no advance is made without sureties, and their repayment by weekly instalments is as strictly enforced as circumstances will allow. During the past year the Committee have granted £113 10s. *od.* in loans, of which sum £61 9s. 6*d.* has been repaid. Add to this £27 18s. 6*d.* received from the repayment of old loans, and there remains £56 16s. *od.* to be repaid.

The following cases recently dealt with by the Committee, and recorded in the Registers of the Charity Office, which now contain reports on 1,072 cases of applicants resident in this district, will illustrate the work of inquiry into cases of applicants for relief:—

Register No. 320. G. J., a labourer, age 42, wife and three children, applied for assistance, stating that his wife had been confined, and that he had been out of work seven weeks. On inquiry this was found to be correct, and the man being respectable, the Committee granted the family 8 lb. bread, 6 lb. meat,  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb. tea, 1 lb. sugar, and 1 cwt. of coals for four weeks, when the man obtained employment.

Register No. 323. G. W., a carpenter, age 57, wife and two children, referred by the School Board visitor for investigation; the woman said her two children could not attend school for want of boots. On inquiry it was found the man earned from 35s. to 45s. a week, and only gave his wife 10s. a week to keep the house, and spent the remainder on drink, coming home every night drunk, and frequently preferring to sleep on the staircase all night instead of in his bed. This case was declined, and referred to the Guardians.

Register No. 354. G. H., a painter, aged 27, wife and four children, stated that three of his children were ill with scarlet fever, and that he had had no work for five weeks. On a medical certificate the Charity Officer granted immediate relief, and on inquiry the man being found to be very respectable and deserving, the Committee allowed this family 3 qrtn. loaves, 8 lb. meat,  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb. tea, 2 lb. sugar, 1 qrt. of milk daily, and a sack of coals a week for four weeks, at the end of which time he obtained employment and required no further relief.

Register No. 338. J. S., a carman, with wife and one child, who had injured his foot, and was laid up for five weeks, applied to the Society for some assistance. Upon inquiry it was found that

he was a thoroughly deserving man, and the Committee granted him 8 lb. bread, 6 lb. meat,  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb. tea, 1 lb. sugar, and 1 cwt. coals for four weeks, at the end of which time he was able to return to his work.

Register No. 347. J. W., a paper-hanger, wife and six children, applied to the Society for relief, his wife stating that her husband had had no work for seven weeks, and that they were starving. On inquiry it was found that he had a good pony and cart, that all the summer he employed four or five men paper hanging and painting new houses by piece-work, and that he spent his money on drink and going about to excursions. This case was declined.

Register No. 368. J. A., a labourer, age 40, with wife and four children. The wife applied for assistance, stating that her husband had been out of work for four months. Upon inquiry it was found that the man was a notorious drunkard, that he had been locked up three times lately for being drunk, and had only just come out of prison, where he had undergone six months' hard labour for assaulting his wife and also a police-constable; his wife and children who had been in Croydon Union during the time he was in prison, had only come out a short time. This case was declined.

Register No. 401. W. G. P., a pewterer, age 34, with wife and five children, applied for relief, stating that he had had no work for three months, and that his wife, who was about to be confined, required a doctor; he further stated that he had worked for a firm in Oxford Street, which he had left about eight months previously, and that he had applied a few days ago to be taken on again, but that there was no vacancy. On investigation it was found that the man had worked for the said firm as stated, and had left of his own accord about eight months previously; he was known as a good workman, and received £2 2s. a-week, standing wages. He had applied to be taken on again, and was offered £2 a week, which he refused, stating as his reason that he wanted his former wages, viz., £2 2s., as he was a leading hand in the trade.

On our Officer informing him of this, he admitted the truth of it, excusing himself by saying that there were inexperienced men getting £2 2s. a-week, and "why should he work for less money than they, and look like a fool?" This case was declined, but afterwards, through our Officer writing to the firm in question, he was taken on at reduced wages.

Register No. 325. J. K., a butcher, age 50, wife and two children, applied for a loan of £10 to start in business for himself. He stated he had been engaged as porter for the last 4 years, in the City, at a wine merchant's, but he wished to start in business for himself at his own trade. Upon inquiry he was found to be respectable, and a loan of £10 was granted. This was punctually repaid, and a second loan of £10 was granted. He is now doing very well and no doubt will make himself comparatively independent in his station of life.

Register No. 424. J. A., a coal dealer, age 35, a widower, with five children, applied for a loan of £10 to assist him to lay in a stock of coals before the winter set in. Upon inquiry he was found to be respectable and the money was granted. He has since been able to open a shop on his own account, and the loan is being regularly repaid.

### III. THE REPRESSION OF MENDICITY.

By no means the least useful part of the Society's operations is that of detecting imposters. One of the Society's Tickets given to a beggar in any part of the Metropolitan District refers the holder to the nearest office for relief or inquiry. Thorough investigation or suitable action is taken in all cases. It is satisfactory to note that the co-operation of the police has resulted in the almost total suppression

of street begging in this neighbourhood. How much the public are indebted to the police, under the direction of CAPTAIN BAYNES, for seconding the exertions of the Society, will be seen from the following returns from the Register of begging cases at the Sydenham Police Station :—

| Sept.<br>30th. | MALE. | FEMALE. | CONVICTED | DISCHARGED. | TOTAL<br>MALE & FEMALE. |
|----------------|-------|---------|-----------|-------------|-------------------------|
| 1870.          | 36    | 22      | 21        | 37          | 58                      |
| 1871.          | 32    | 13      | 18        | 27          | 45                      |
| 1872.          | 22    | 6       | 17        | 11          | 28                      |
| 1873.          | 12    | 6       | 11        | 7           | 18                      |
| 1874.          | 4     | 4       | None      | 8           | 8                       |
| 1875.          | 5     | 7       | 3         | 9           | 12                      |
| 1876.          | 7     | 4       | 5         | 6           | 11                      |
| 1877.          | 9     | 3       | 4         | 8           | 12                      |
| 1878.          | 8     | 6       | 8         | 6           | 14                      |



## HOSPITAL LETTERS.

Letters of recommendation to the following Hospitals and Institutions can be obtained from the Secretary of the Council by any District Committee having suitable cases before it :—

*In-patients :*

Charing Cross.  
King's College.  
London.  
Middlesex.  
North London.  
St. George's.  
Sussex County.  
Westminster.  
City of London for Diseases of the Chest.  
Queen Charlotte's Lying-in Hospital.  
New Hospital for Women, Marylebone Road.  
Hospital for Women and Sick Children, Vincent Square, Westminster.  
Hospital for Diseases of Women and Children.  
Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street.

Victoria Hospital for Sick Children, Chelsea.  
North-Eastern Hospital for Children, Hackney Road.  
Royal Infirmary for Women and Children.  
East London Hospital for Sick Children and Dispensary for Women.  
National Hospital for Paralysed and Epileptic, Queen's Square.  
Royal London Ophthalmic, Moorfields.  
Royal South London Ophthalmic.  
Hospital for Diseases of the Skin, Blackfriars.  
St. John's Hospital for Skin Diseases, Leicester Square.  
London Homœopathic.  
Royal Sea Bathing Infirmary, Margate.

*Out-patients :*

Charing Cross.  
King's College.  
London.  
Middlesex Lying-in Hospital.  
North London.  
Westminster.  
Hospital for Consumption, Brompton.  
City of London, for Diseases of the Chest.  
North London Consumption.  
Royal Hospital for Diseases of the Chest, City Road.  
Ear Hospital.  
New Hospital for Women.  
Royal Infirmary for Women and Children.  
British Lying-in Hospital.  
Royal Maternity Charity.  
Queen Charlotte's Lying-in Hospital.

City of London Truss Society.  
Provident Surgical Appliance Society.  
Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street.  
North-Eastern Hospital for Sick Children.  
Infirmary for Epilepsy and Paralysis.  
Royal South London Ophthalmic.  
Royal Orthopædic, Hatton Garden.  
Royal Westminster Ophthalmic.  
London Homœopathic.  
Dental Hospital.  
Chelsea, Brompton and Belgrave Dispensary.  
Queen Adelaide's Dispensary.  
Royal Pimlico Dispensary.  
Royal Sea Bathing Infirmary, Margate.

# STATEMENT SHEWING THE MONTHLY EXPENDITURE OF THE SOCIETY ON RELIEF FOR THE YEAR 1877—78.

|             | TRAMPS. |                   | RELIEF IN KIND TO RESIDENT POOR IN DISTRICT. |                   |                  |                       |                  |                  |                  |                  | SCHOOL BD. CASES. |          | No. of CASES. |                   |                  | LOANS GRANTED. | LOANS REPAYED. |
|-------------|---------|-------------------|----------------------------------------------|-------------------|------------------|-----------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|----------|---------------|-------------------|------------------|----------------|----------------|
|             | No.     | Bread for.        | Bread.                                       | Meat.             | Tea and Sugar.   | Milk, Eggs, Sago, &c. | Coals.           | In Money.        | No.              | Cost of Boots.   | Reliev'd          | Declin'd | TOTAL         |                   |                  |                |                |
| OCTOBER ..  | 50      | £ s. d.<br>0 8 5½ | £ s. d.<br>0 5 4                             | £ s. d.<br>0 17 8 | £ s. d.<br>0 3 6 | £ s. d.<br>0 2 11     | £ s. d.<br>0 3 0 | £ s. d.<br>..... | £ s. d.<br>..... | £ s. d.<br>..... | 3                 | 1        | 4             | £ s. d.<br>10 0 0 | £ s. d.<br>3 5 0 |                |                |
| NOVEMBER..  | 61      | 0 8 8             | 0 11 4                                       | 1 7 4             | 0 5 3            | 0 1 5½                | 0 4 6            | .....            | 1 0 12 0         | 9                | 2                 | 11       | .....         | 8 11 0            |                  |                |                |
| DECEMBER..  | 67      | 0 13 4            | 0 9 4                                        | 1 6 8             | 0 7 0            | .....                 | 0 12 0           | 1 5 0            | 1 0 7 0          | 9                | 6                 | 15       | 16 0 0        | 6 2 0             |                  |                |                |
| JANUARY ..  | 96      | 0 12 0            | 1 10 0                                       | 3 12 0            | 1 0 5            | 1 0 7                 | 1 4 0            | .....            | .....            | 15               | 3                 | 18       | 8 10 0        | 9 6 0             |                  |                |                |
| FEBRUARY .. | 84      | 0 15 8            | 1 19 0                                       | 4 0 0             | 1 1 0            | 0 16 4                | 1 8 6            | .....            | .....            | 9                | 3                 | 12       | 5 0 0         | 9 6 6             |                  |                |                |
| MARCH ....  | 65      | 0 8 8             | 1 19 0                                       | 4 15 4            | 0 19 3           | .....                 | 1 14 6           | 1 0 0            | .....            | 5                | .....             | 5        | 7 0 0         | 7 18 6            |                  |                |                |
| APRIL.....  | 46      | 0 10 9            | 2 4 6                                        | 4 14 8            | 1 4 6            | 1 0 0½                | 1 14 6           | 0 10 0           | .....            | 15               | 1                 | 16       | 10 0 0        | 8 5 6             |                  |                |                |
| MAY .....   | 92      | 0 13 9            | 1 9 9                                        | 4 0 8             | 1 4 6            | 0 8 11½               | 1 4 0            | 0 5 0            | 1 1 0 3          | 11               | 1                 | 12       | 17 0 0        | 6 10 0            |                  |                |                |
| JUNE .....  | 75      | 0 11 3            | 1 4 4½                                       | 3 3 4             | 0 17 6           | 0 5 10                | 0 12 9           | 1 0 0            | 1 0 11 6         | 6                | 1                 | 7        | 7 0 0         | 9 1 0             |                  |                |                |
| JULY .....  | 35      | 0 5 10½           | 0 11 3                                       | 1 9 4             | 0 8 9            | 0 7 3½                | 0 9 0            | 0 15 0           | .....            | 1                | .....             | 1        | .....         | 8 10 0            |                  |                |                |
| AUGUST ...  | 77      | 0 11 3            | 0 3 8                                        | 0 10 0            | 0 2 7½           | 0 2 11                | 0 3 0            | .....            | .....            | 3                | .....             | 3        | 1 10 0        | 6 0 6             |                  |                |                |
| SEPTEMBER   | 37      | 0 5 6½            | 0 4 1                                        | 0 10 8            | 0 2 7½           | 0 2 11                | 0 4 6            | 0 10 0           | .....            | 9                | 3                 | 12       | 31 10 0       | 6 12 0            |                  |                |                |
|             | 785     | 6 5 2½            | 12 11 7½                                     | 30 7 8            | 7 16 11          | 4 9 3                 | 9 13 6           | 5 5 0            | 4 2 10 9         | 95               | 21                | 116      | 113 10 0      | 89 8 0            |                  |                |                |

\*9 of these were loans.

## STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.

Dr.

From October, 1877, to September, 1878.

Cr.

| 1877.     | RECEIPTS.                                | £ s. d. | 1878. | EXPENDITURE.                                         | £ s. d.         |
|-----------|------------------------------------------|---------|-------|------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Oct. 1st. | To Balance at Bank                       | 81 18 2 |       | To Rent, Rates, Taxes, {                             | 11 14 0         |
| "         | do. in Treasurer's hands ...             | 4 10 10 |       | Fuel, Light & Repairs }                              | 73 14 0         |
| 1878.     | " Annual Subscriptions and Donations ... | 86 9 0  |       | Salaries ...                                         | 8 14 8          |
| "         | Loans repaid ...                         | 175 8 6 |       | Collected Poundage Grant made to Central Council ... | 10 10 0         |
| "         | From Peek Fund School Board              | 89 8 0  |       | Stationery, Printing, and Postage ...                | 18 0 9          |
|           |                                          | 3 1 0   |       | Incidental Expenses                                  | 18 15 4         |
|           |                                          |         |       | Aid, by Relief in kind                               | 79 0 2          |
|           |                                          |         |       | " Loans granted                                      | 113 10 0        |
|           |                                          |         |       | Balance at Bank ...                                  | 20 1 11         |
|           |                                          |         |       | " in Treasurer's hands                               | 0 5 8           |
|           |                                          |         |       |                                                      | 20 7 7          |
|           |                                          |         |       |                                                      | <u>£354 6 6</u> |

Examined and found correct,

JOHN DOW, } Auditors.  
A. R. HUTCHINS,

## LOAN ACCOUNT.

|           |                    |          |         |                                   |                 |
|-----------|--------------------|----------|---------|-----------------------------------|-----------------|
| 1877.     | Loans to be repaid | 32 14 0  | 1877-8. | Loans repaid                      | 89 8 0          |
| Oct. 1st. | Loans granted ...  | 113 10 0 |         | Balance of Loans to be repaid ... | 56 16 0         |
| 1878.     |                    |          |         |                                   | <u>£146 4 0</u> |
| Oct. 1st. | Loans to be repaid | ...      |         |                                   |                 |

T. J. ALTMAN, Treasurer.











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